STEEL BALL RUN
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LUCY

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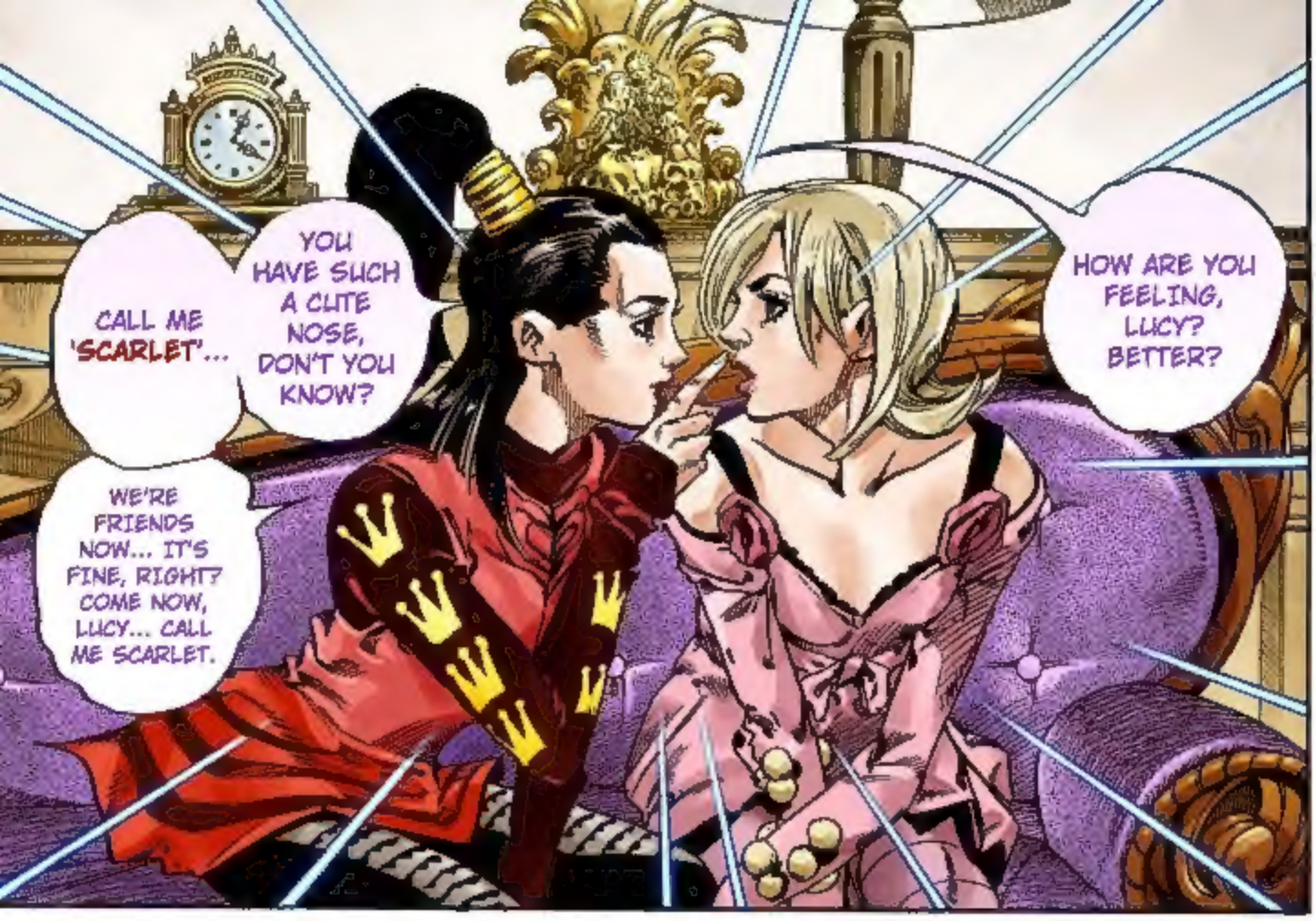
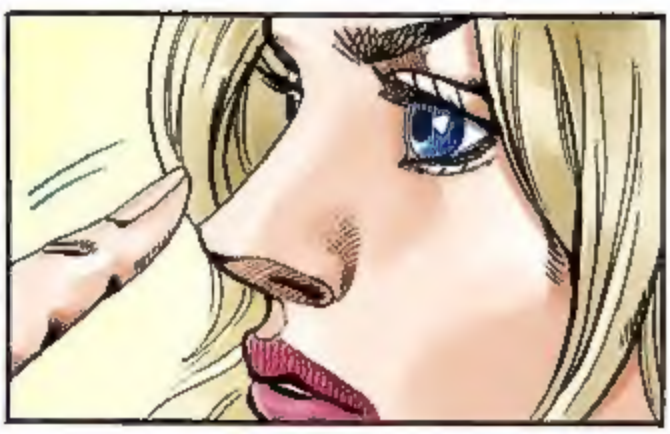
I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE FOR THIS...
I'M UTTERLY SPEECH-LESS...
BE LEAVING SOON...
I SHOULD...


HOW ARE YOU FEELING, LUCY? BETTER?
YOU HAVE SUCH A CUTE NOSE, DON'T YOU KNOW?
CALL ME 'SCARLET'...
WE'RE FRIENDS NOW... IT'S FINE, RIGHT? COME NOW, LUCY... CALL ME SCARLET.

SAY 'SCARLET', LOUDLY, NOW!
EVERYONE CALLS ME 'FIRST LADY'...
PLEASE ... I WANT YOU TO CALL MY NAME, LUCY.
I WANT YOU TO SAY IT LIKE YOU'RE REPROACH-ING ME...



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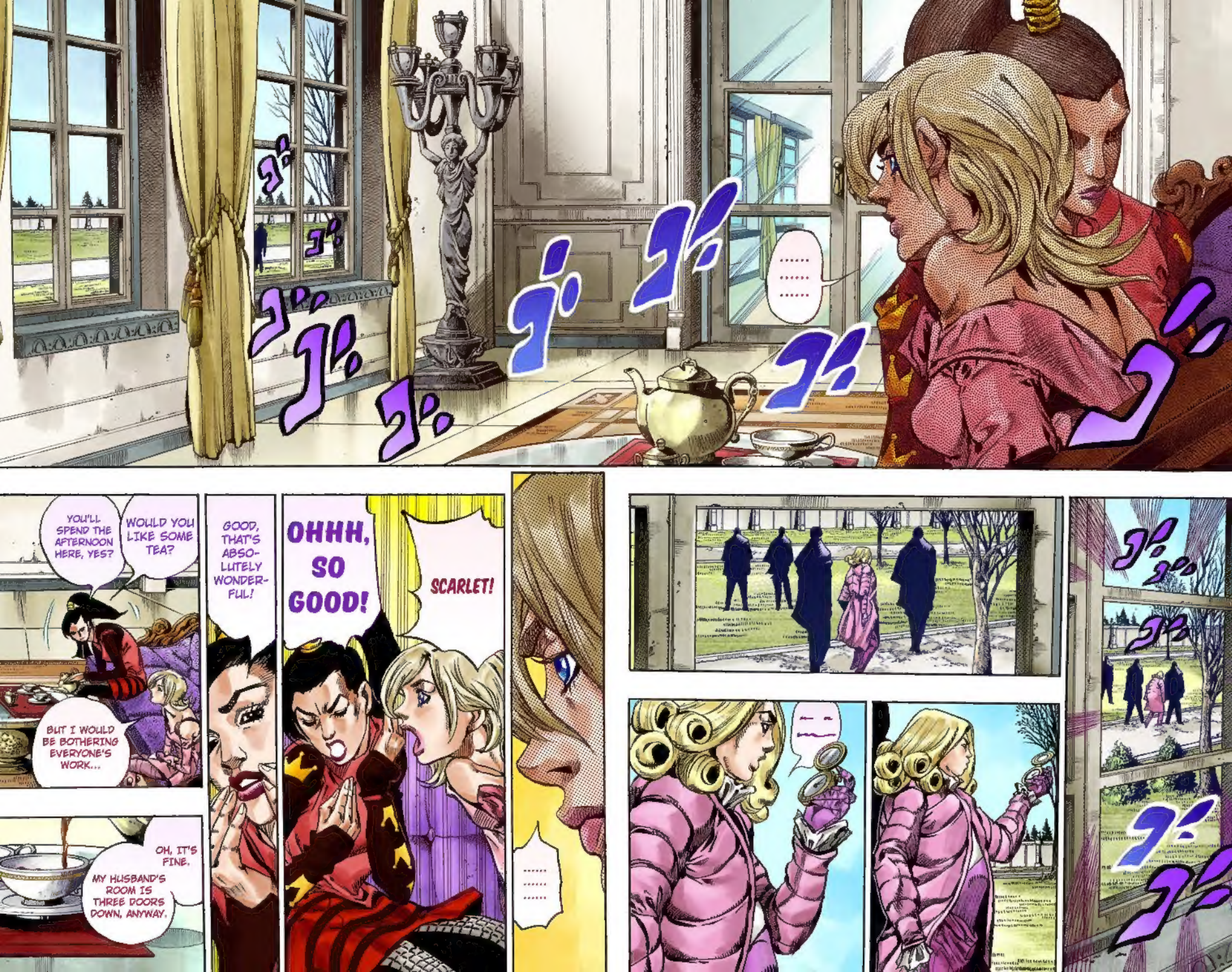
I COULDN'T...
MRS. VALENTINE... FIRST LADY.
I COULDN'T POSSIBLY CALL YOU BY NAME.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YOU'LL SPEND THE AFTERNOON HERE, YES?
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
BUT I WOULD BE BOTHERING EVERYONE'S WORK...
OH, IT'S FINE.
MY HUSBAND'S ROOM IS THREE DOORS DOWN, ANYWAY.
GOOD, THAT'S ABSO-LUTELY WONDER-FUL!
OHHH, SO GOOD!
SCARLET!
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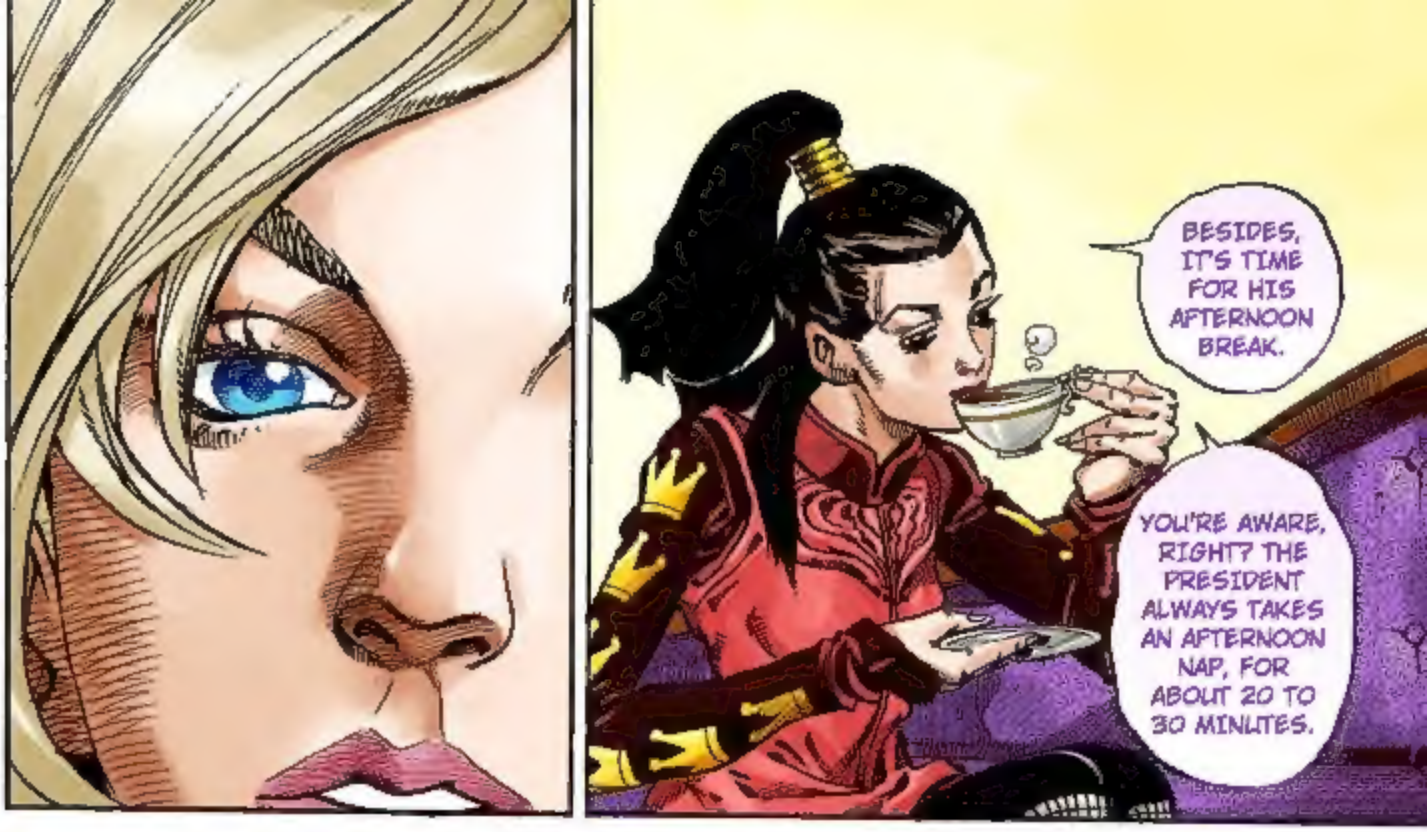
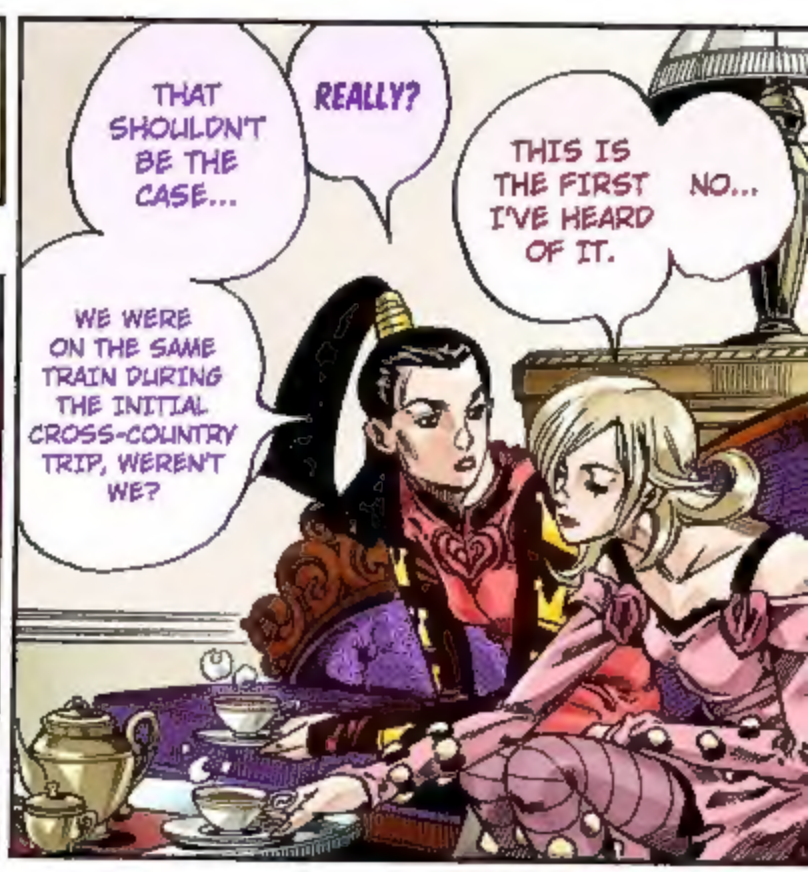
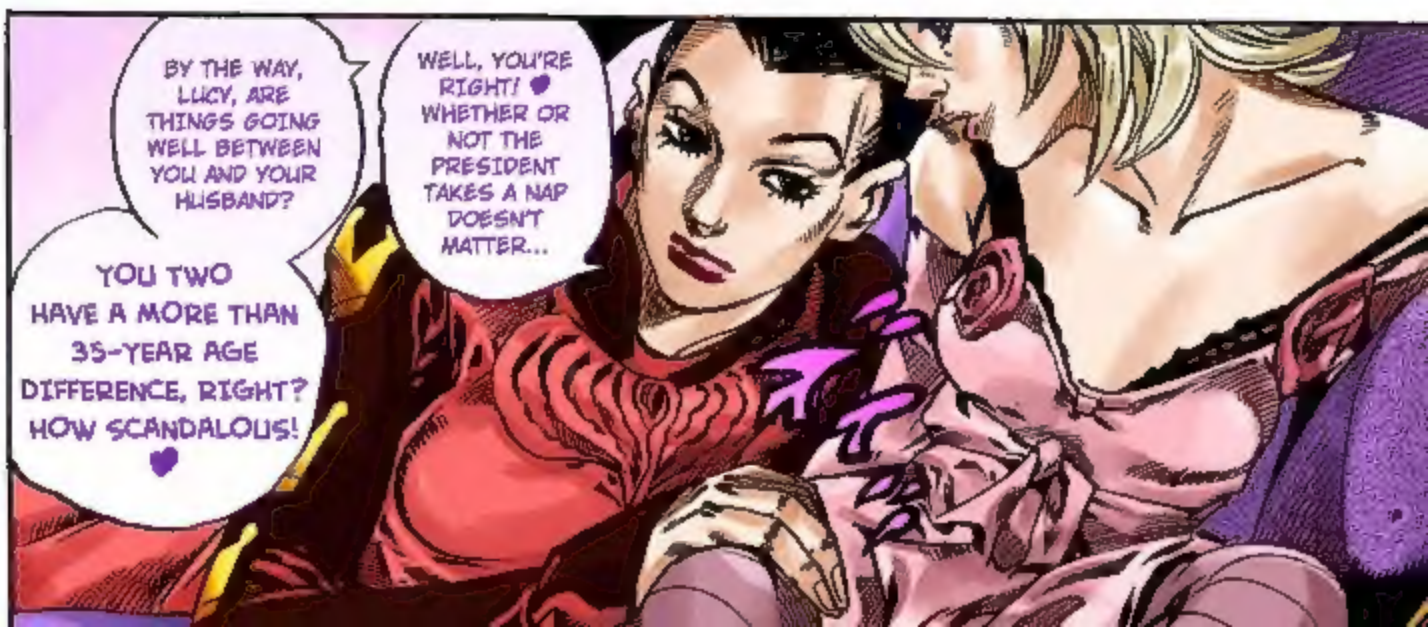

BESIDES, IT'S TIME FOR HIS AFTERNOON BREAK.
YOU'RE AWARE, RIGHT? THE PRESIDENT ALWAYS TAKES AN AFTERNOON NAP, FOR ABOUT 20 TO 30 MINUTES.

REALLY?
I WASN'T AWARE...

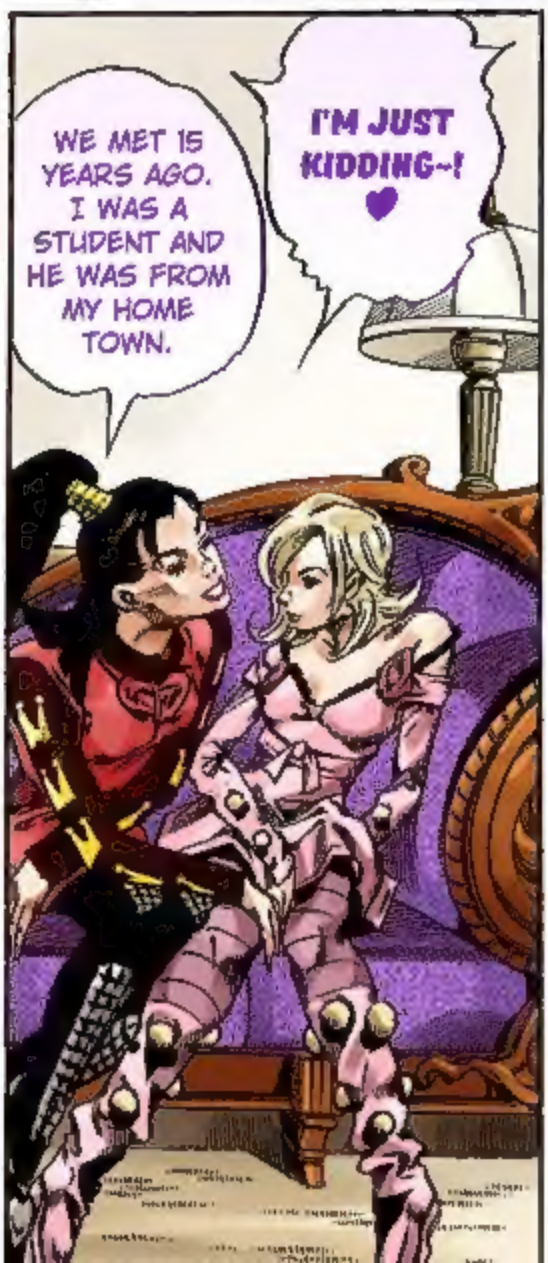

REALLY?
THAT SHOULDN'T BE THE CASE...
THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT.
NO...
WE WERE ON THE SAME TRAIN DURING THE INITIAL CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP, WEREN'T WE?


BY THE WAY, LUCY, ARE THINGS GOING WELL BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND?
WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT! ♥ WHETHER OR NOT THE PRESIDENT TAKES A NAP DOESN'T MATTER...
YOU TWO HAVE A MORE THAN 35-YEAR AGE DIFFERENCE, RIGHT? HOW SCANDALOUS! ♥

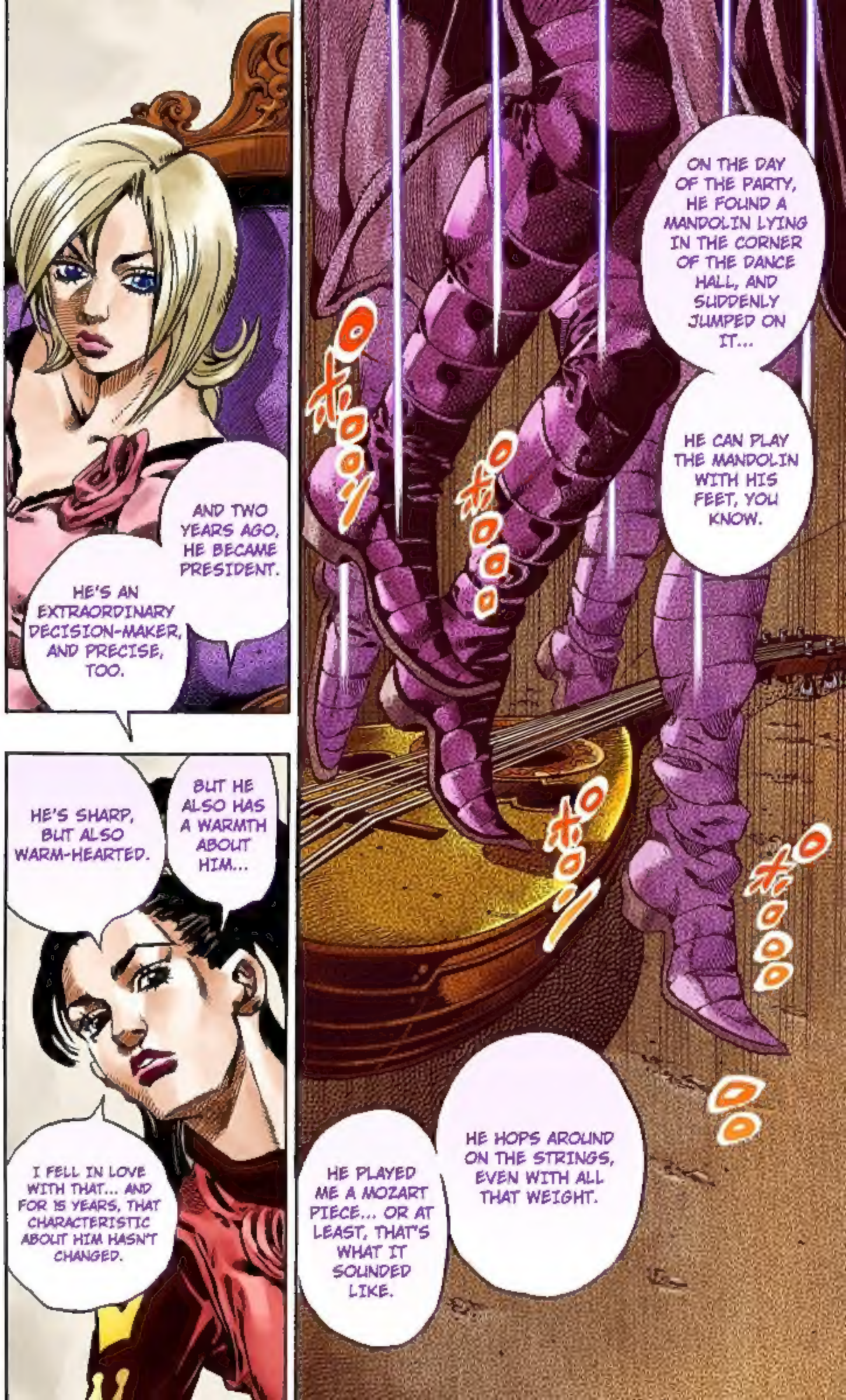
THINGS AREN'T GOING WELL BETWEEN ME AND MY HUSBAND.
BECAUSE I MARRIED HIM JUST FOR HIS 'POWER' AND HIS 'MONEY'.

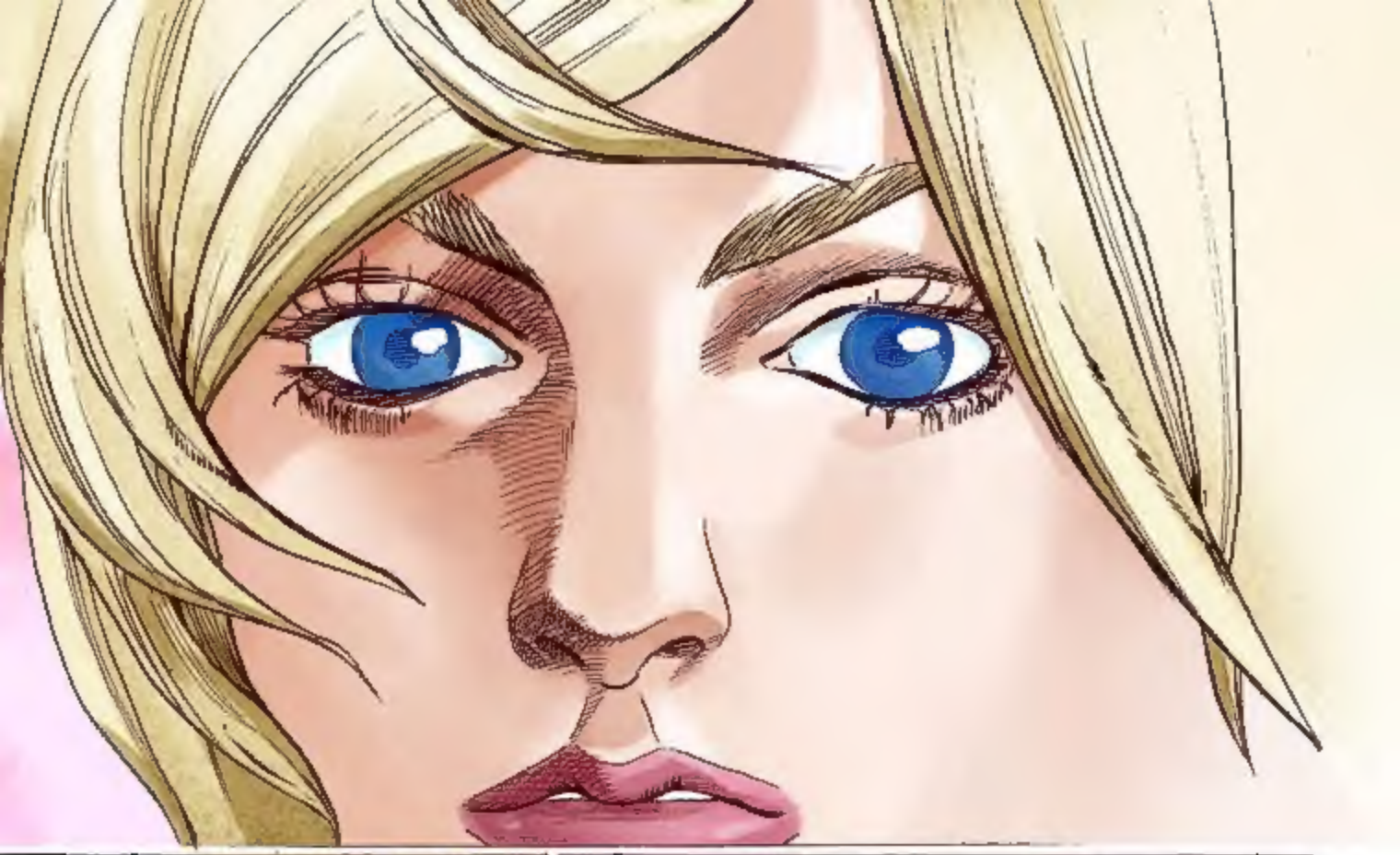
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
...?

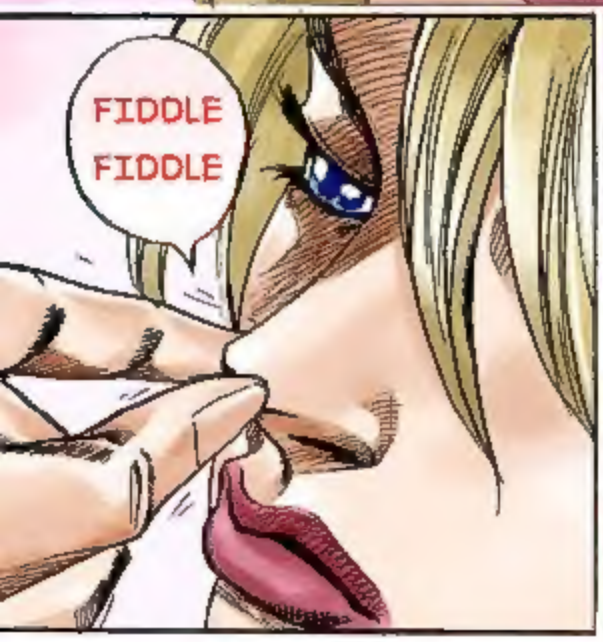
WE DANCED TOGETHER AT A PARTY. BUT THE STRANGE THING IS, I COULD NEVER HEAR HIS 'FOOTSTEPS'...
NO MATTER WHERE HE WALKED, HE DIDN'T MAKE A SOUND. AND THAT MADE ME FALL FOR HIM.


I'M JUST KIDDING~!
WE MET 15 YEARS AGO. I WAS A STUDENT AND HE WAS FROM MY HOME TOWN.

NO MATTER WHERE HE IS.
HE CAN WALK WITHOUT MAKING FOOTSTEPS! NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF FLOOR IT IS...
HE CAN STILL DO IT NOW, TOO. IT'S SEXY.


AND TWO YEARS AGO, HE BECAME PRESIDENT.
HE'S AN EXTRAORDINARY DECISION-MAKER, AND PRECISE, TOO.
HE'S SHARP, BUT ALSO WARM-HEARTED.
BUT HE ALSO HAS A WARMTH ABOUT HIM...
I FELL IN LOVE WITH THAT... AND FOR 15 YEARS, THAT CHARACTERISTIC ABOUT HIM HASN'T CHANGED.
ON THE DAY OF THE PARTY, HE FOUND A MANDOLIN LYING IN THE CORNER OF THE DANCE HALL, AND SUDDENLY JUMPED ON IT...
HE CAN PLAY THE MANDOLIN WITH HIS FEET, YOU KNOW.
HE PLAYED ME A MOZART PIECE... OR AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT IT SOUNDED LIKE.
HE HOPS AROUND ON THE STRINGS, EVEN WITH ALL THAT WEIGHT.

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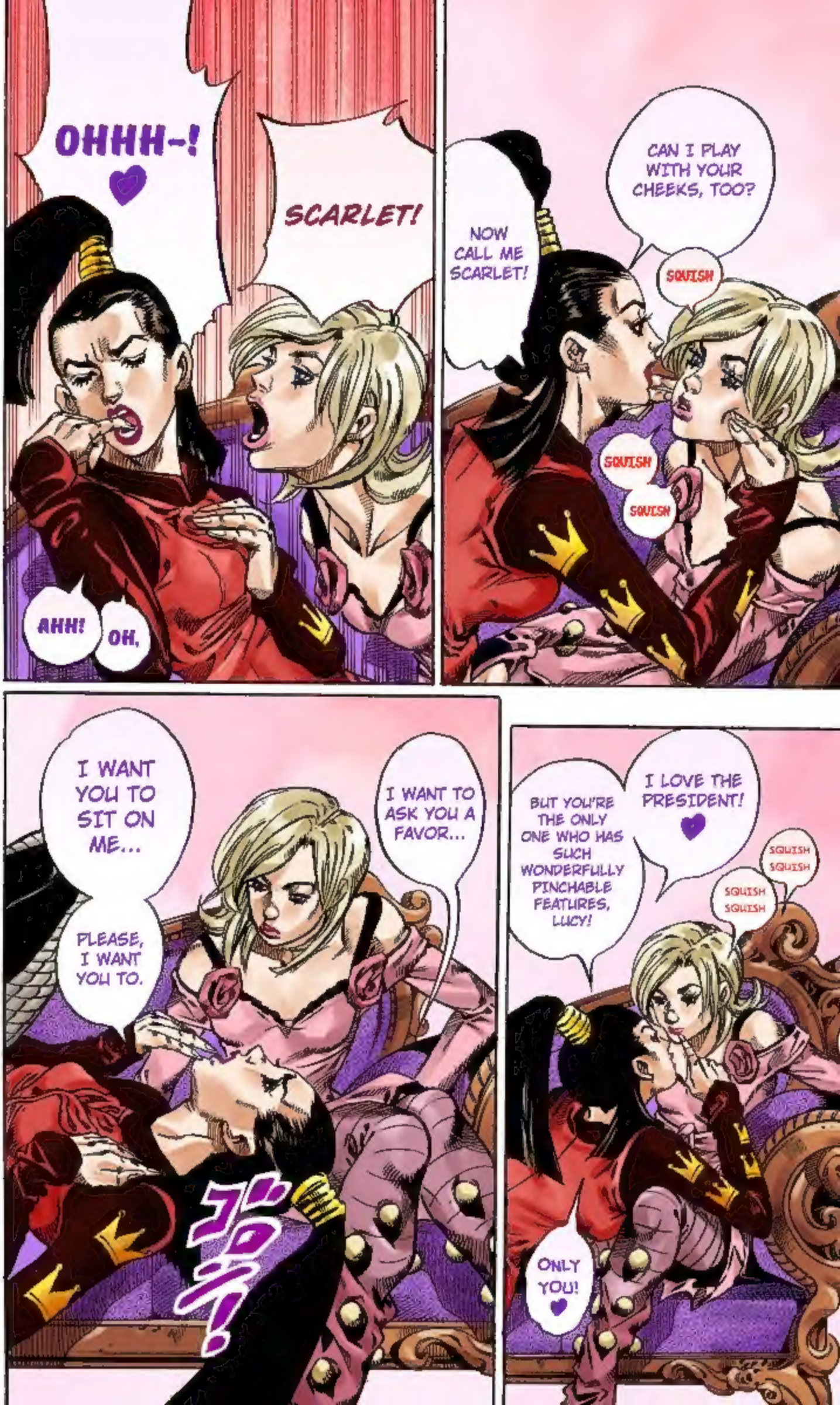
THAT FACE, THE WAY YOU'RE JUST QUIETLY LISTENING... SO, SO, SO CUTE!
MMM---!
LET ME FIDDLE YOUR NOSE!

CAN I DO IT WITH TWO FINGERS?
POKE POKE POKE POKE

POKE POKE POKE POKE

CAN I PLAY WITH YOUR LIPS, TOO?
POKE POKE POKE POKE


OHHH-!
SCARLET!
AHH!
OH,
NOW CALL ME SCARLET!
CAN I PLAY WITH YOUR CHEEKS, TOO?
SQUISH
SQUISH
SQUISH
I WANT YOU TO SIT ON ME...
PLEASE, I WANT YOU TO.
I WANT TO ASK YOU A FAVOR...
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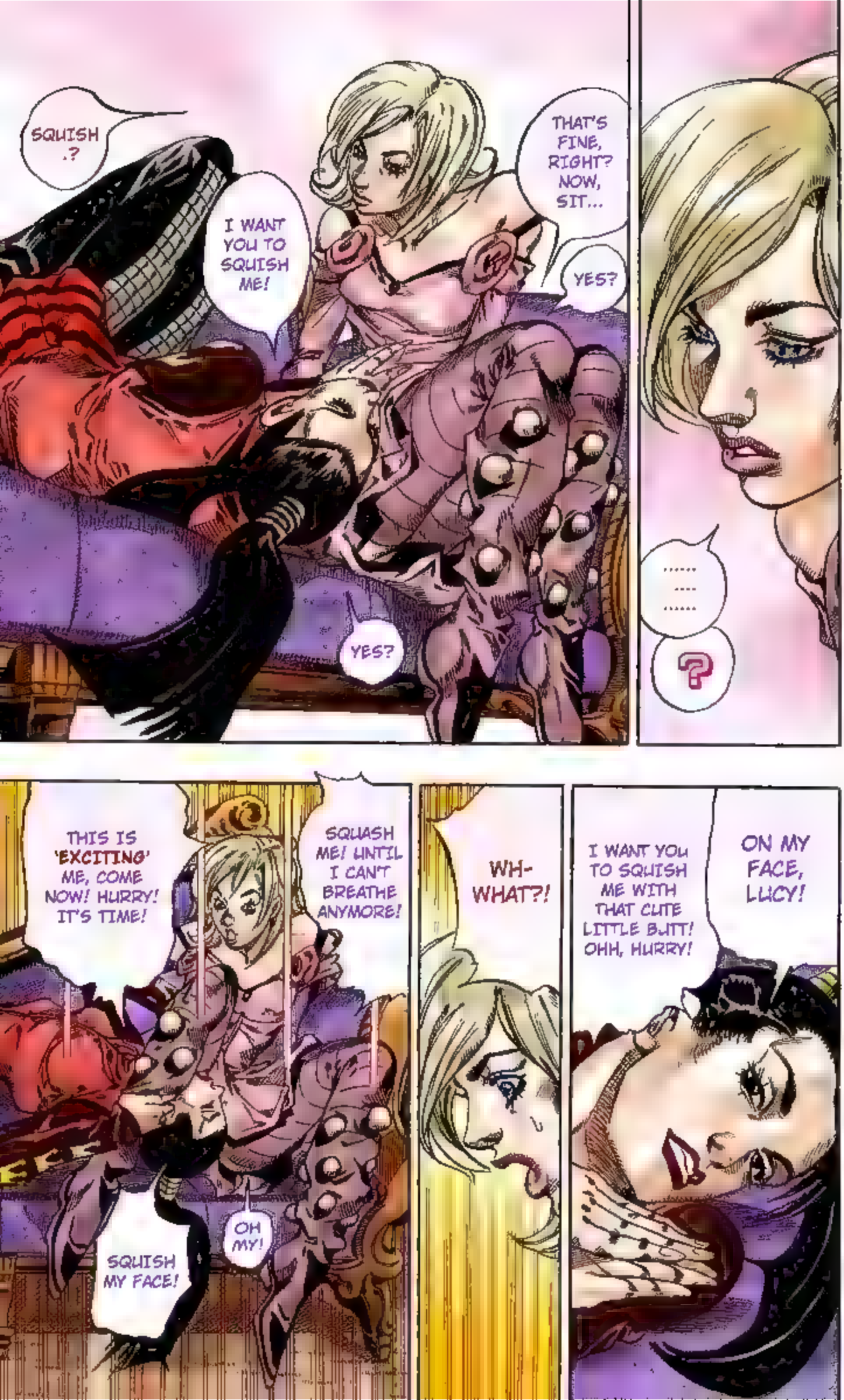
I LOVE THE PRESIDENT!
BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS SUCH WONDERFULLY PINCHABLE FEATURES, LUCY!
SQUISH SQUISH
SQUISH SQUISH
ONLY YOU!


SQUISH .?
I WANT YOU TO SQUISH ME!
YES?
THAT'S FINE, RIGHT? NOW, SIT...
YES?
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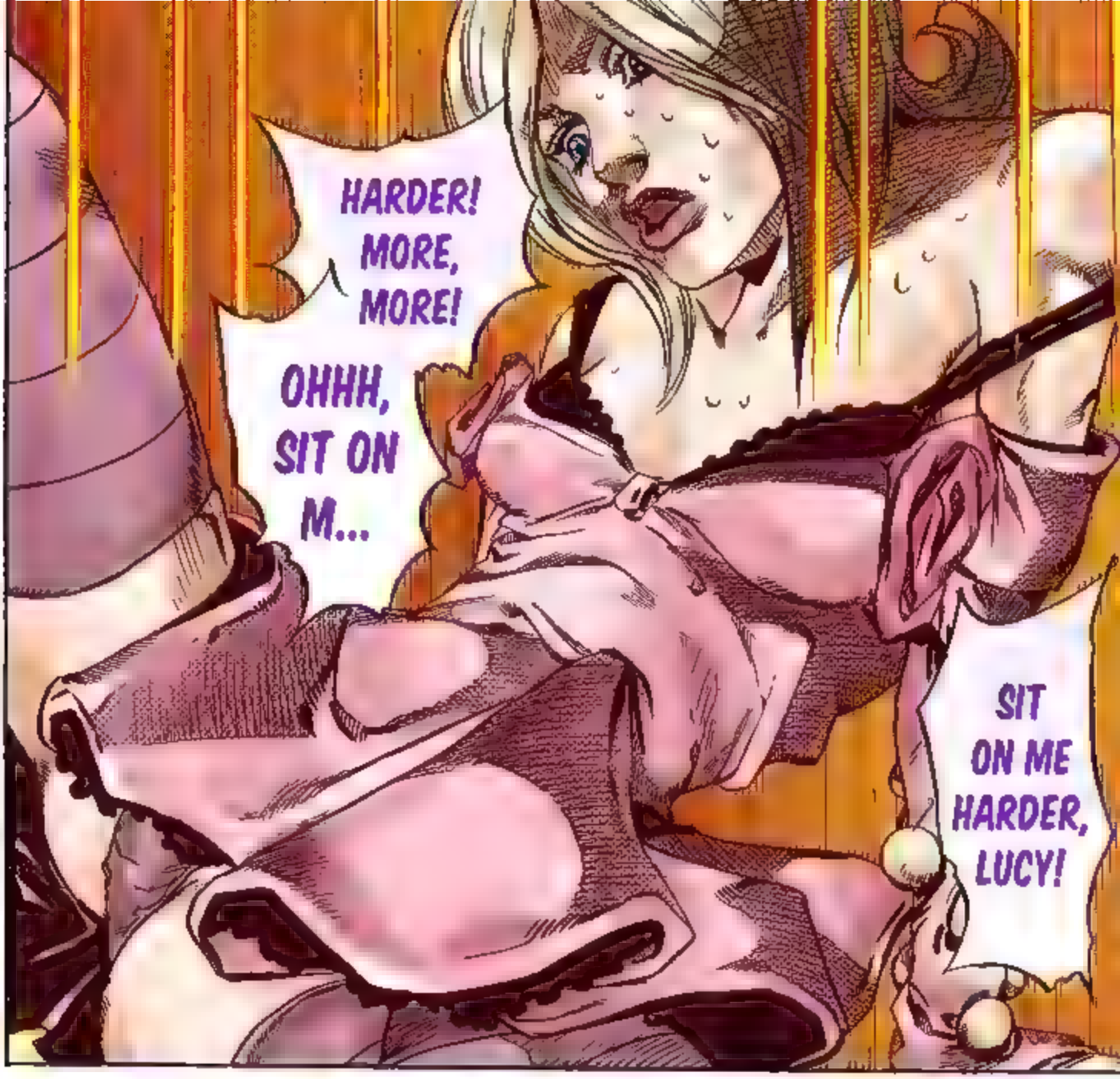
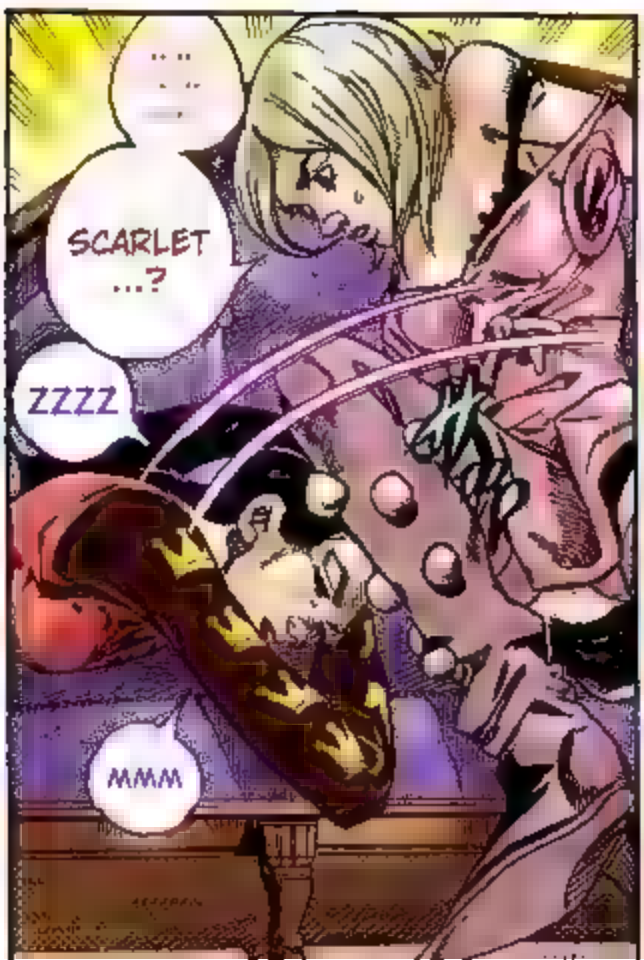
THIS IS 'EXCITING' ME, COME NOW! HURRY! IT'S TIME!
SQUASH ME! UNTIL I CAN'T BREATHE ANYMORE!
SQUISH MY FACE!
OH MY!
WH-WHAT?!
I WANT YOU TO SQUISH ME WITH THAT CUTE LITTLE BUTT! OHH, HURRY!
ON MY FACE, LUCY!


HARDER! MORE, MORE!
OHHH, SIT ON M...
SIT ON ME HARDER, LUCY!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SCARLET ...?
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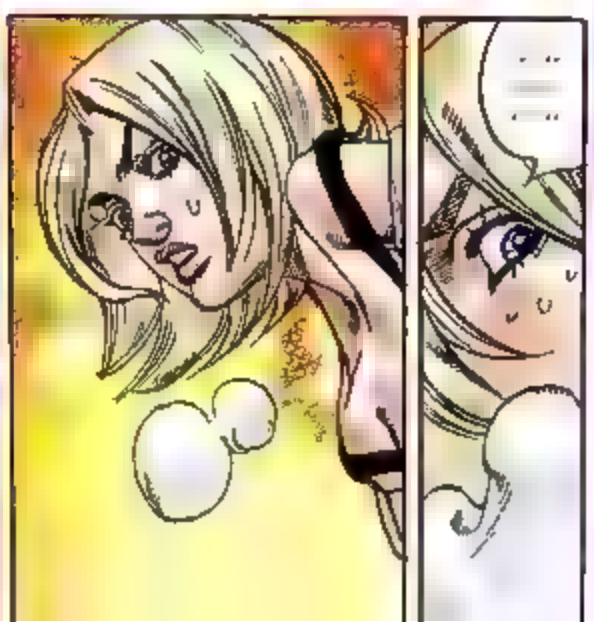
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ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, FIRST LADY...?
EXCUSE ME .
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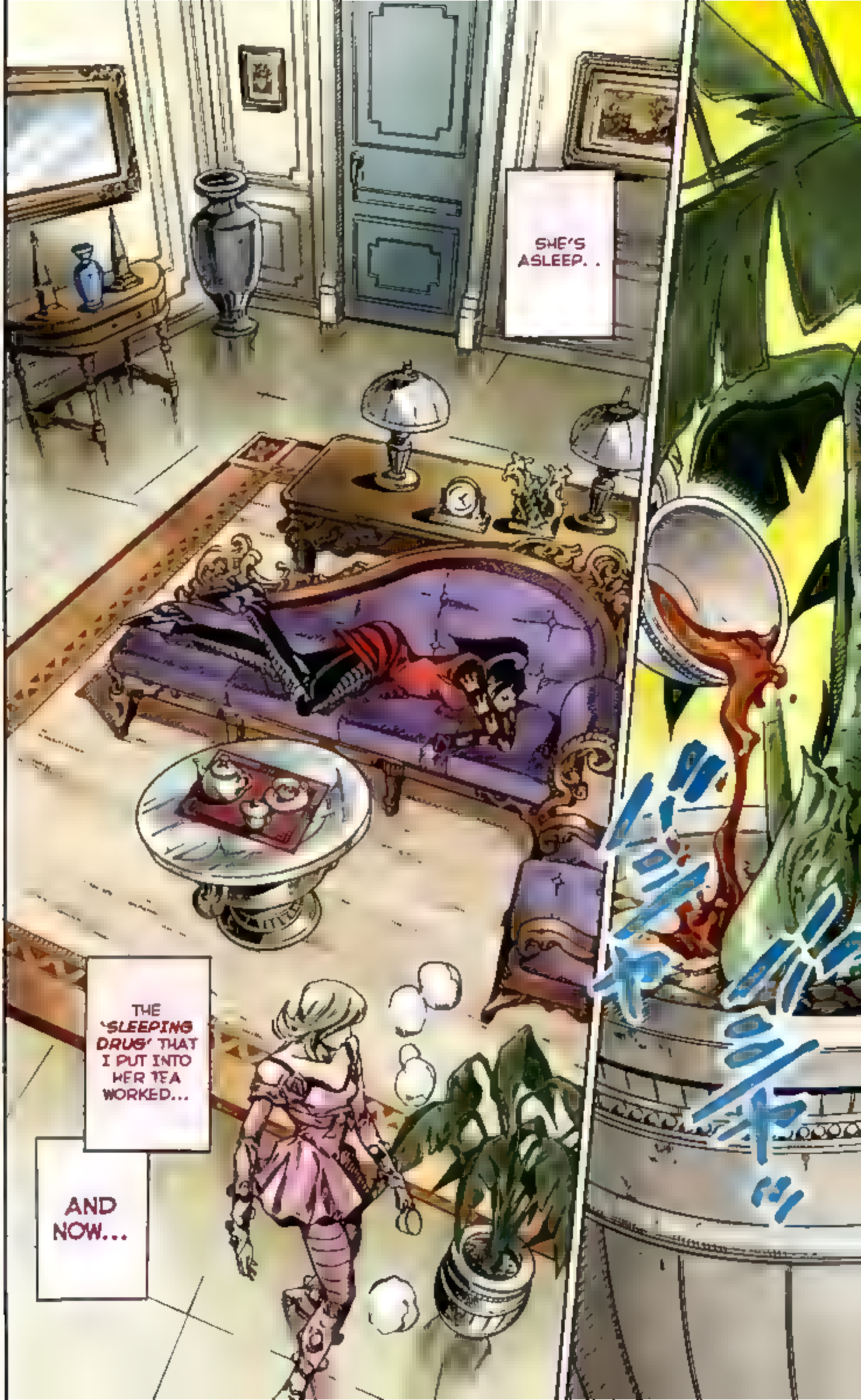
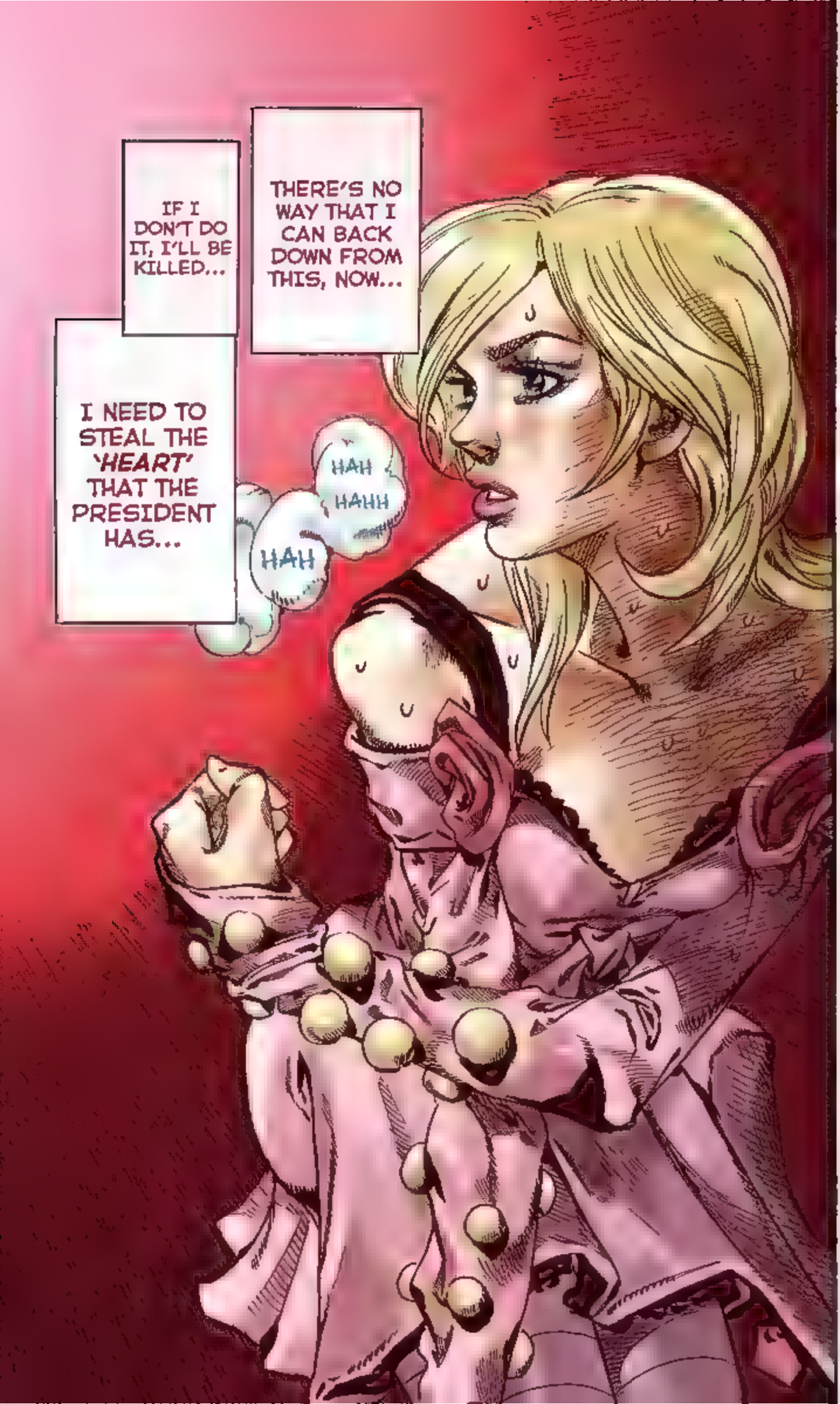

SHE'S ASLEEP. .
THE 'SLEEPING DRUG' THAT I PUT INTO HER TEA WORKED...
AND NOW...


IF I DON'T DO IT, I'LL BE KILLED...
THERE'S NO WAY THAT I CAN BACK DOWN FROM THIS, NOW...
I NEED TO STEAL THE 'HEART' THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS...
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HAHH
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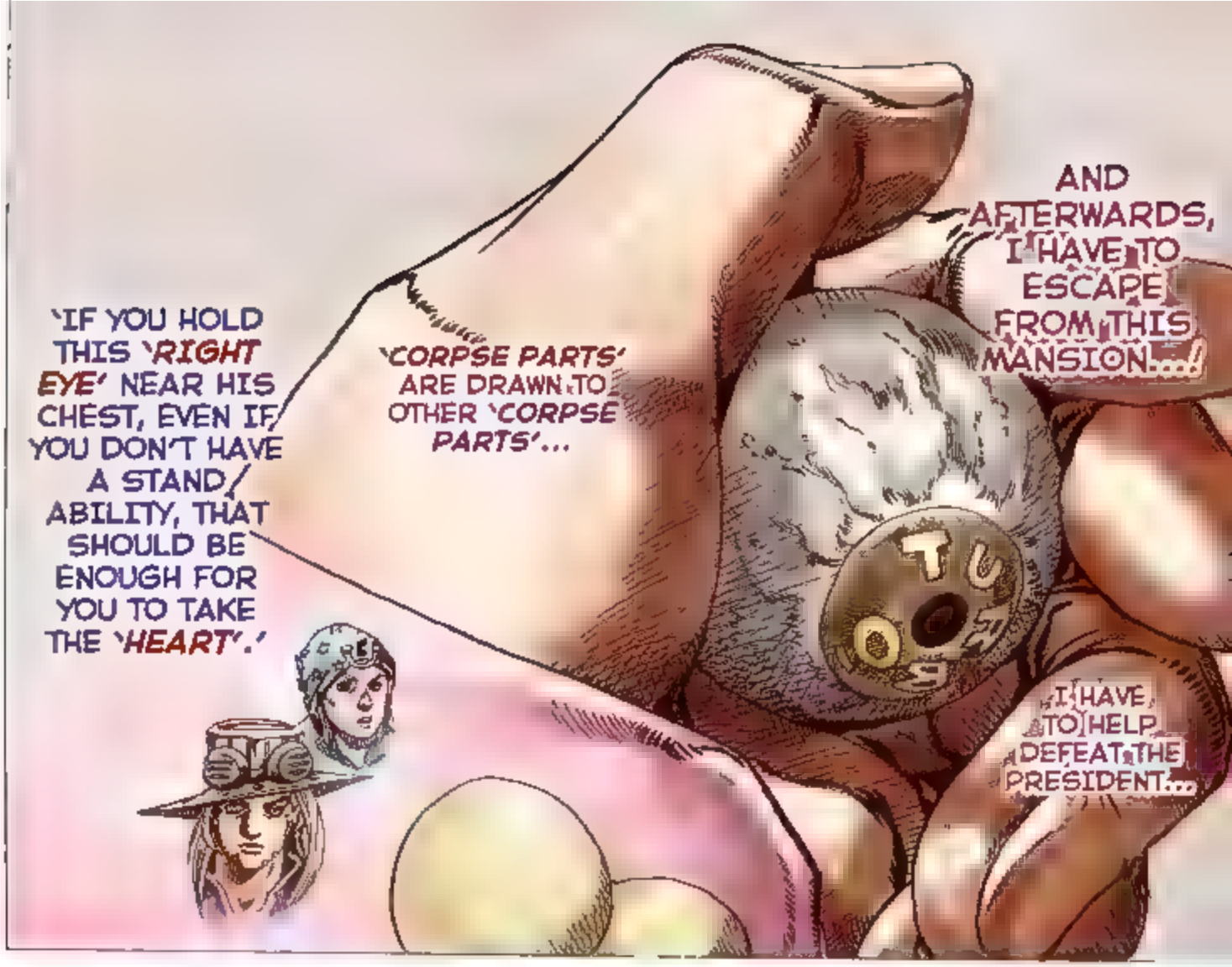
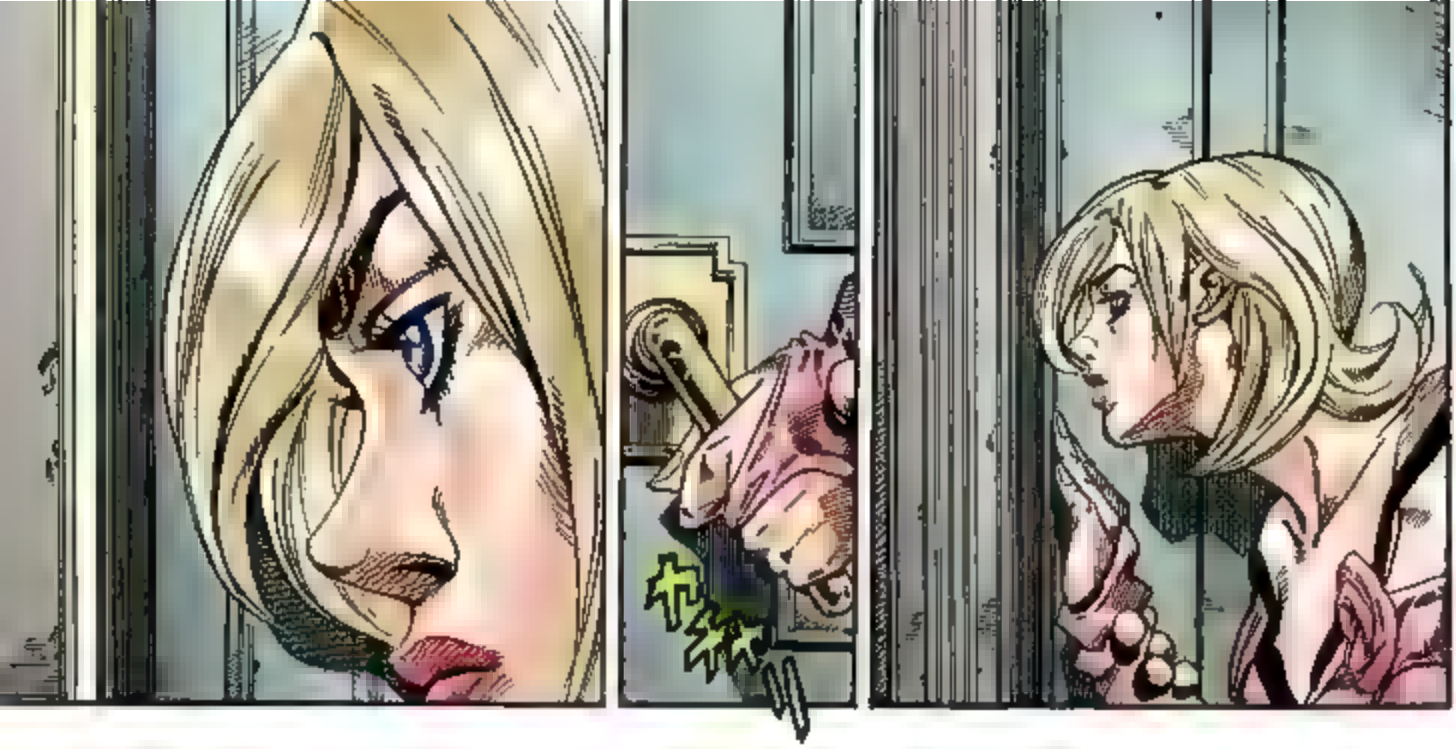

'IF YOU HOLD THIS 'RIGHT EYE' NEAR HIS CHEST, EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STAND ABILITY, THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR YOU TO TAKE THE 'HEART'.'
'CORPSE PARTS' ARE DRAWN TO OTHER 'CORPSE PARTS'...
AND AFTERWARDS, I HAVE TO ESCAPE FROM THIS MANSION...!
I HAVE TO HELP DEFEAT THE PRESIDENT...



THERE'LL BE OTHERS IN THE YARD...
THERE ARE THREE GUARDS TO THE RIGHT, TWO TO THE LEFT, IN THIS HALL... AT LEAST THEY'RE THE ONES I CAN SEE.

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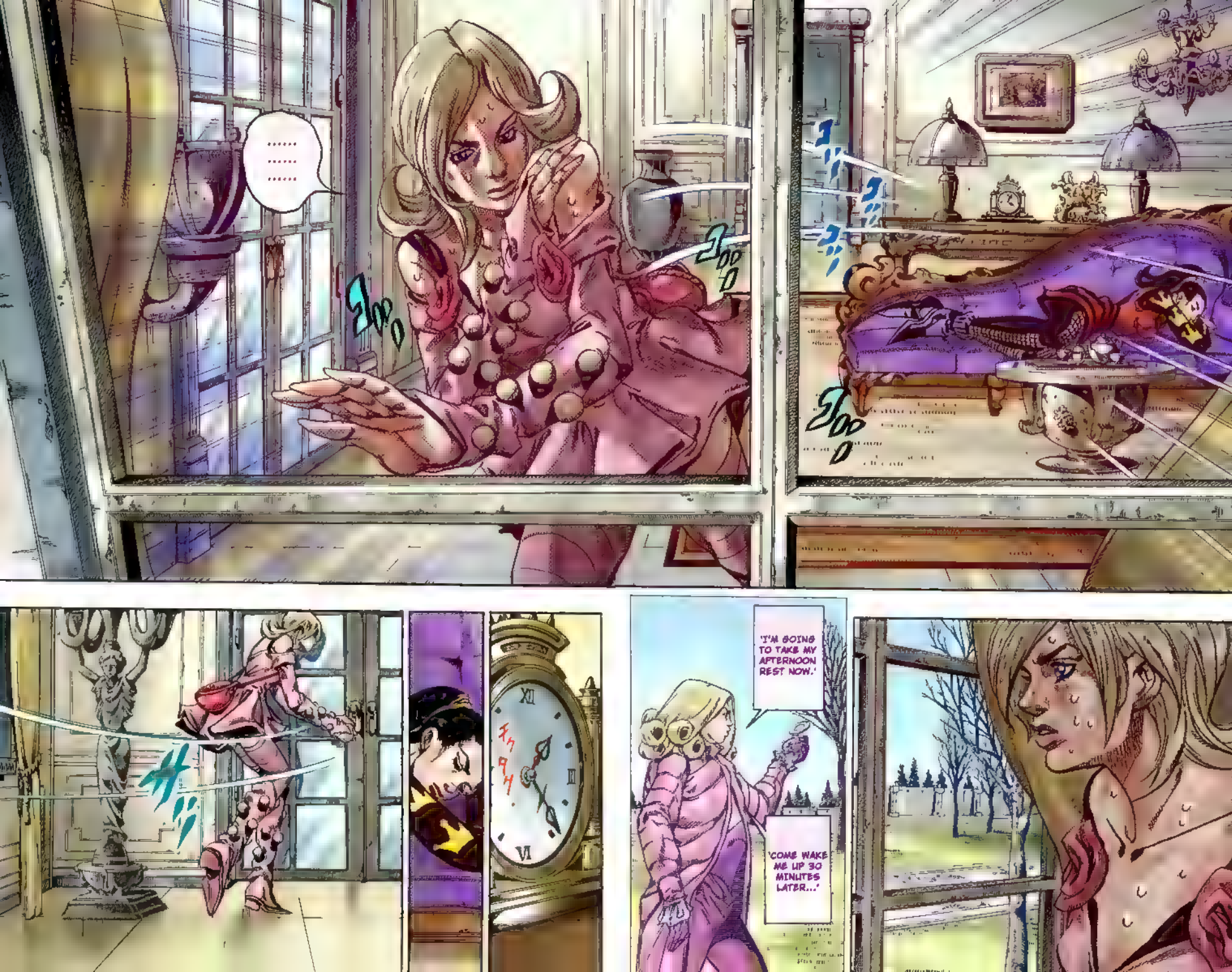
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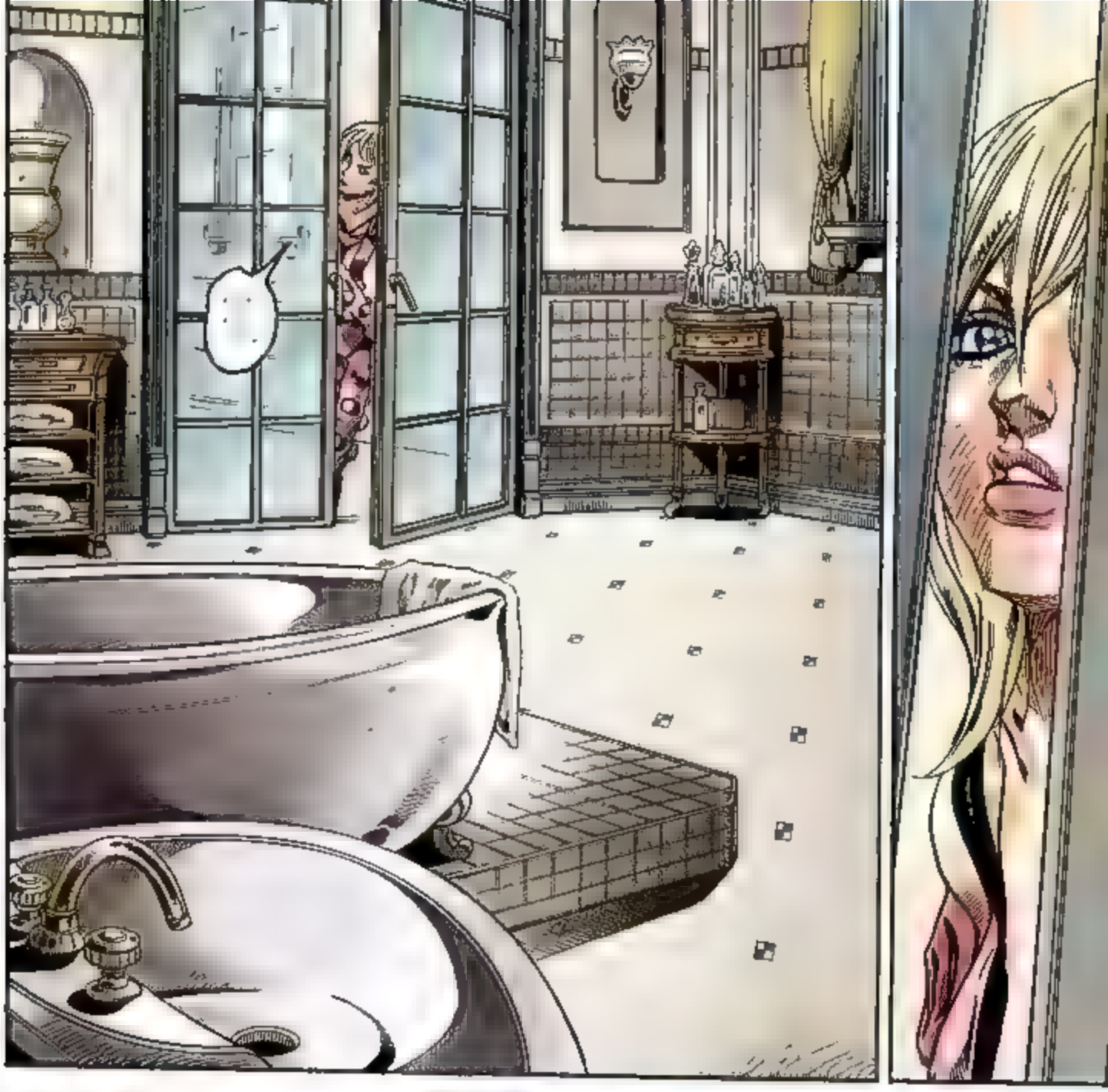
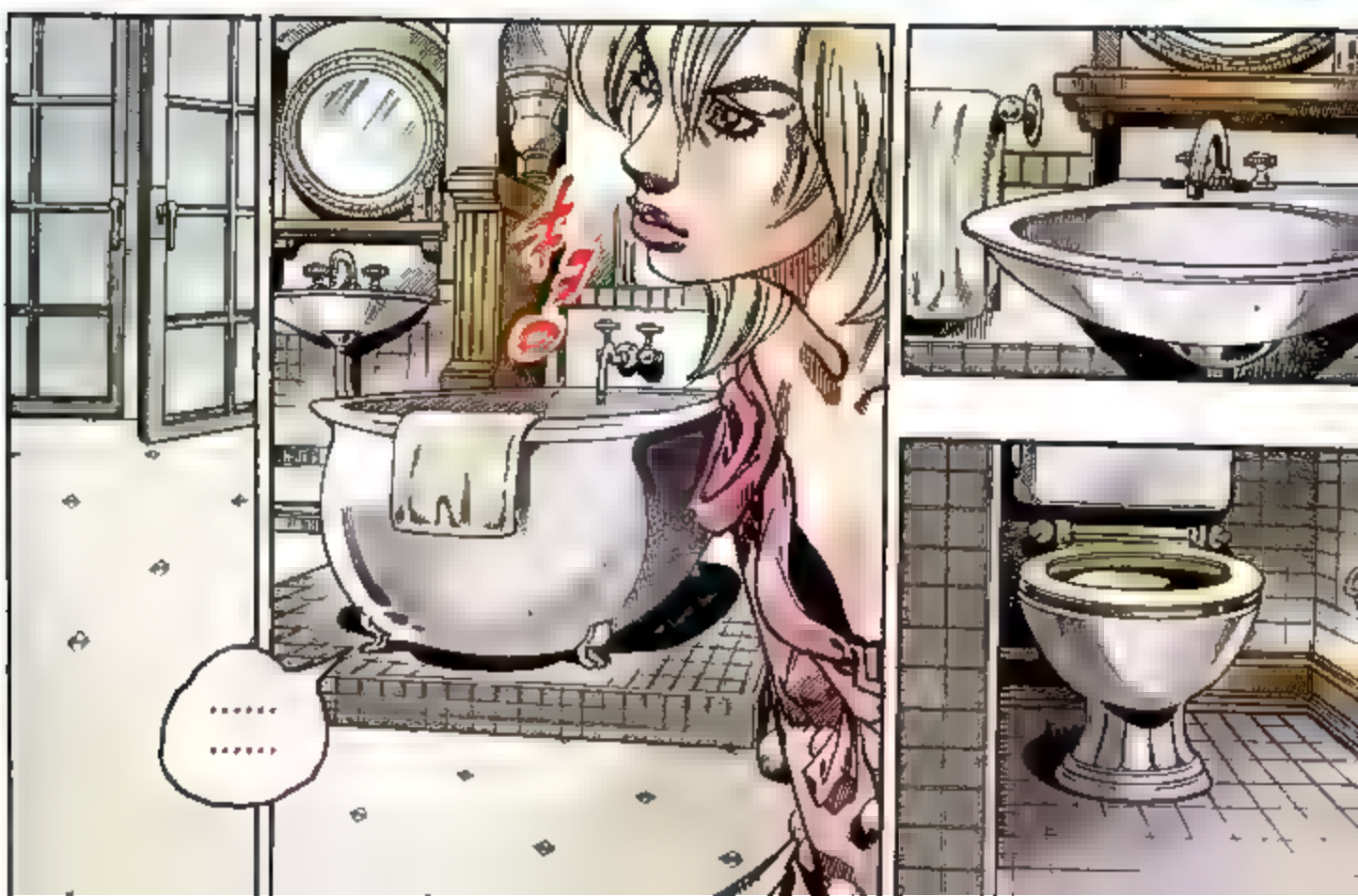
'I'M GOING TO TAKE MY AFTERNOON REST NOW.'
'COME WAKE ME UP 30 MINUTES LATER...'

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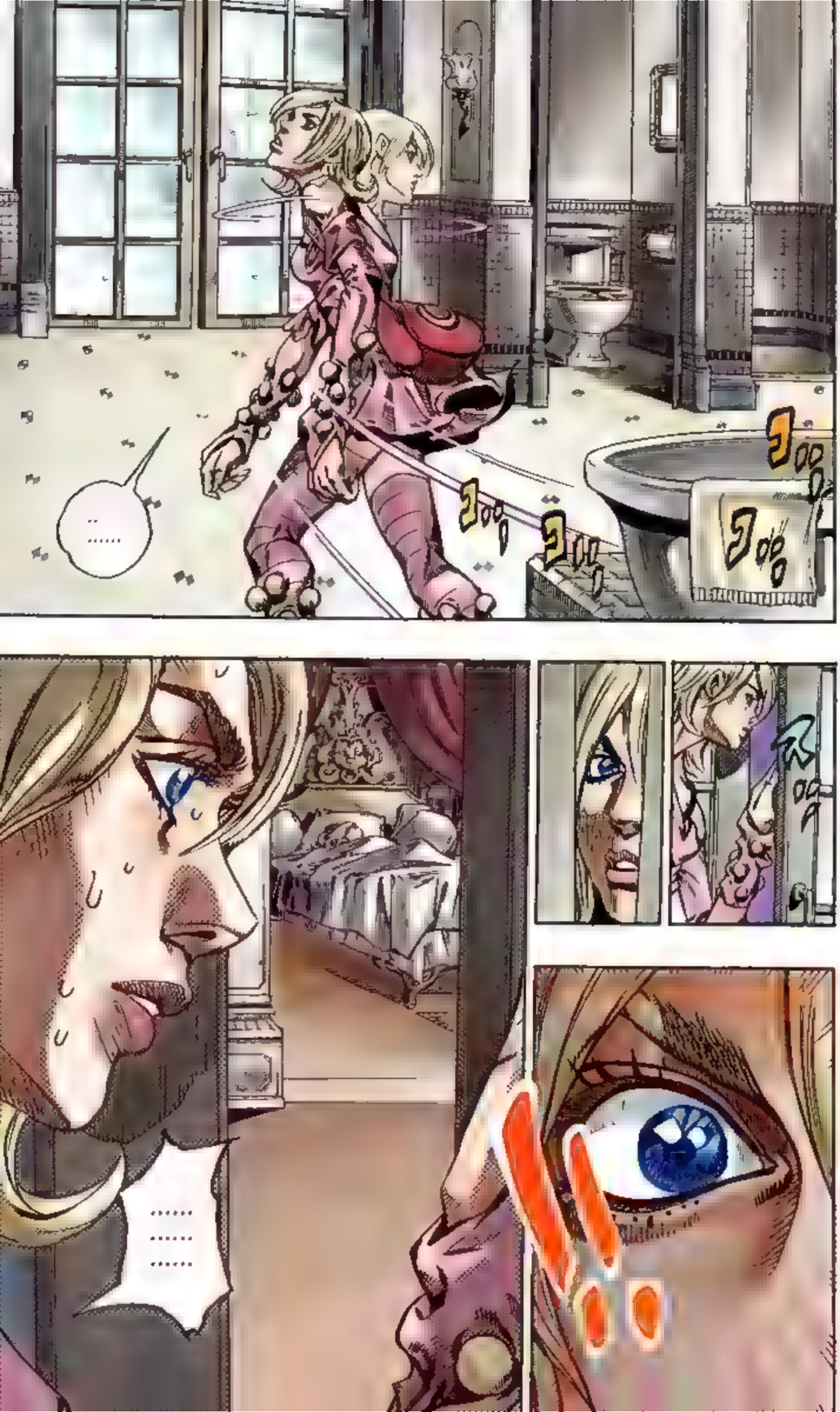

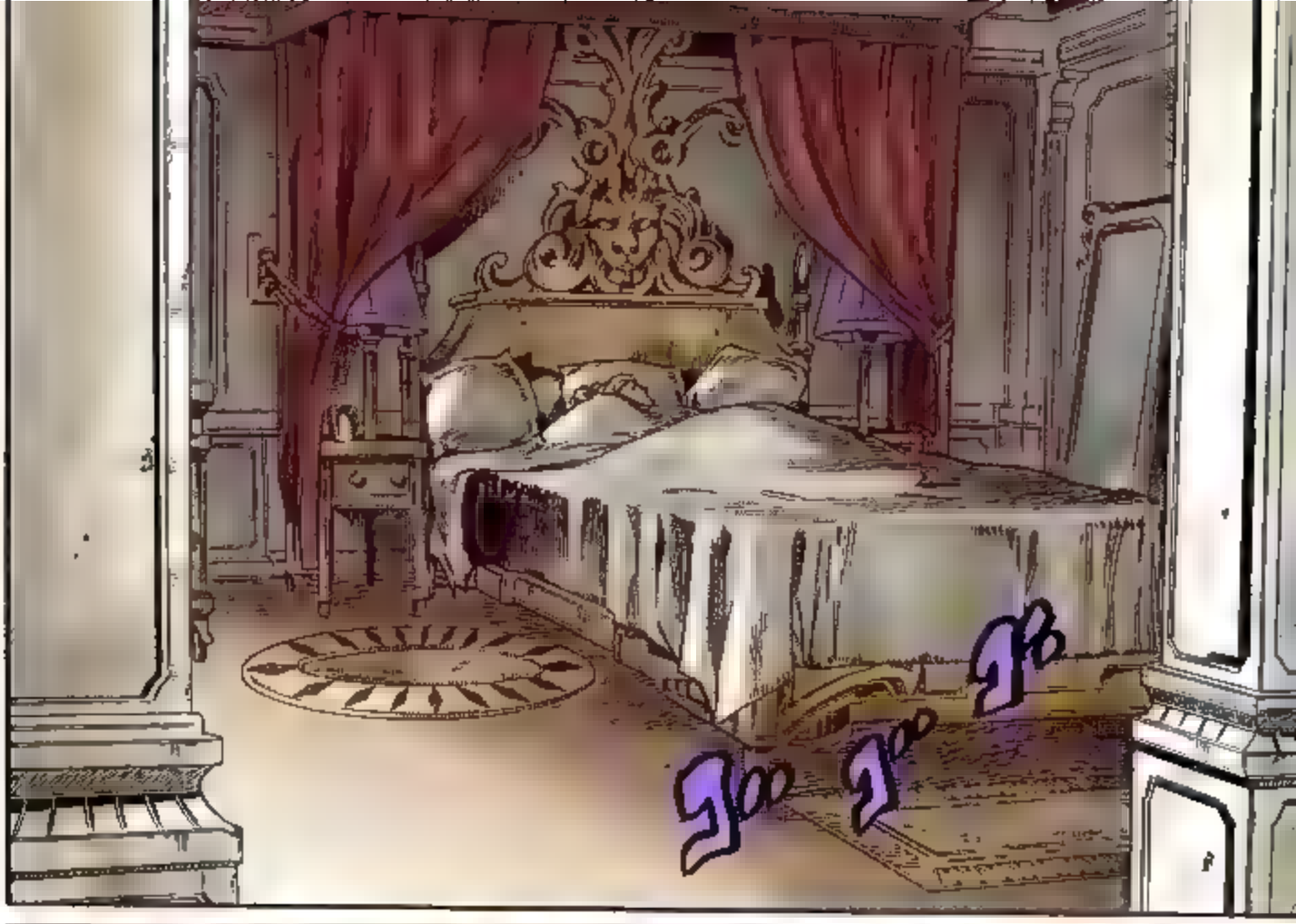
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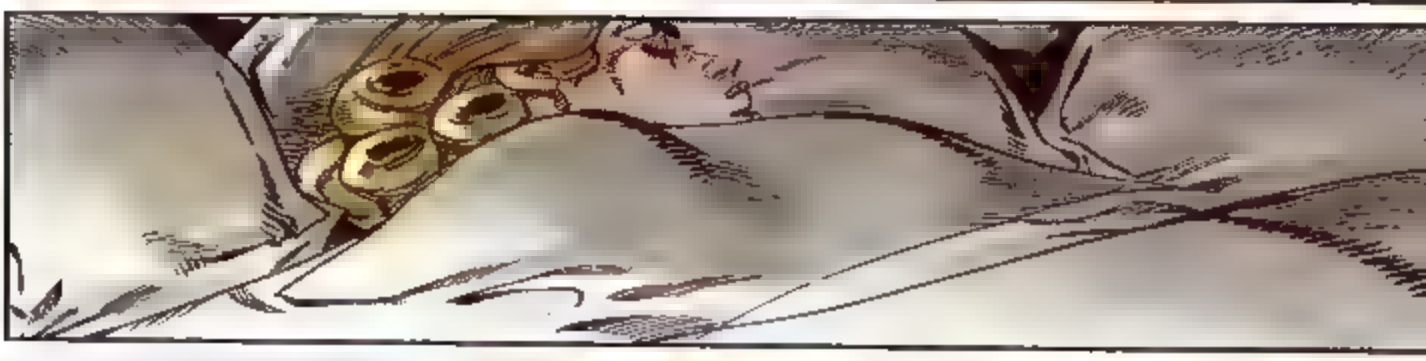
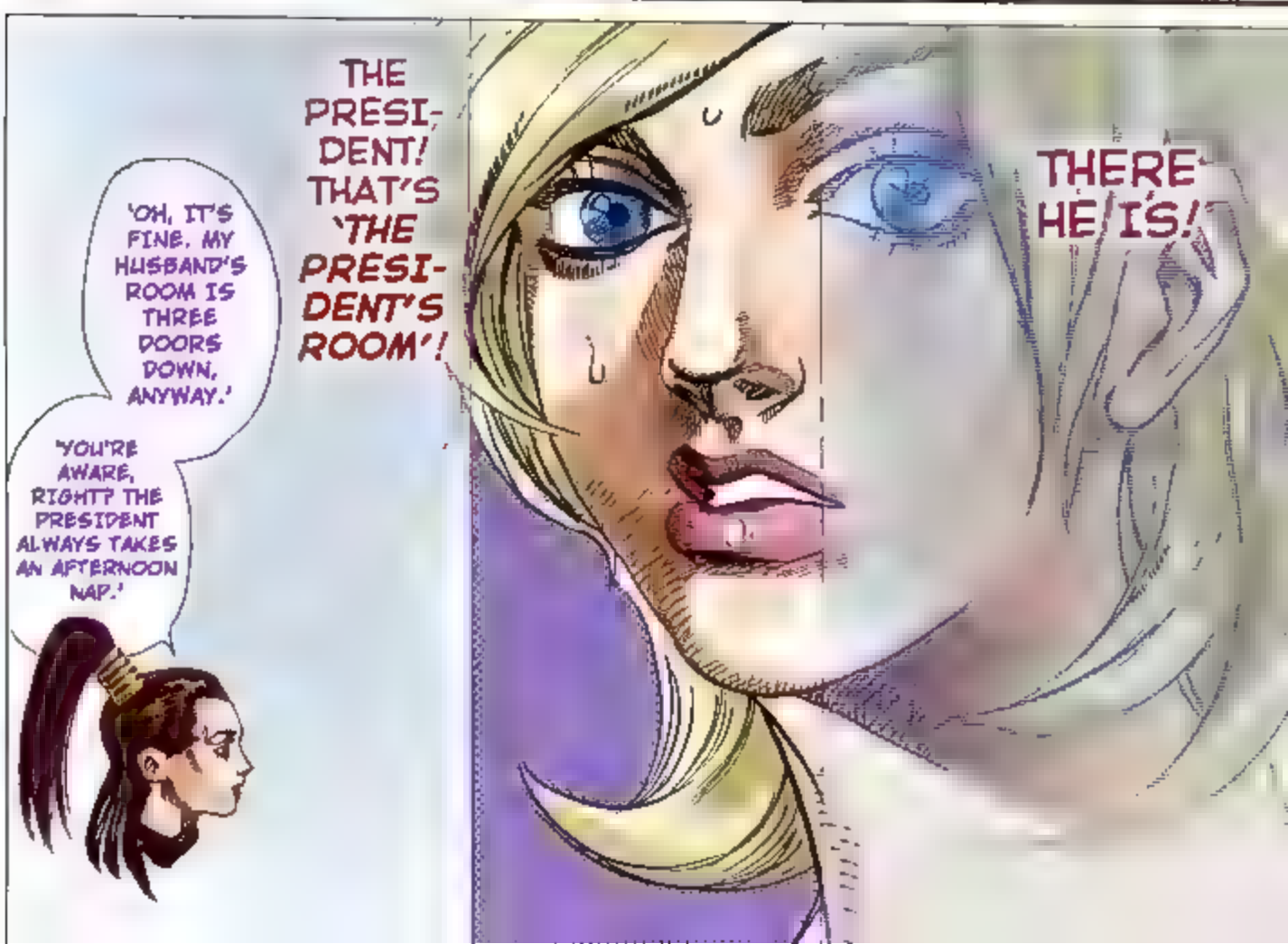
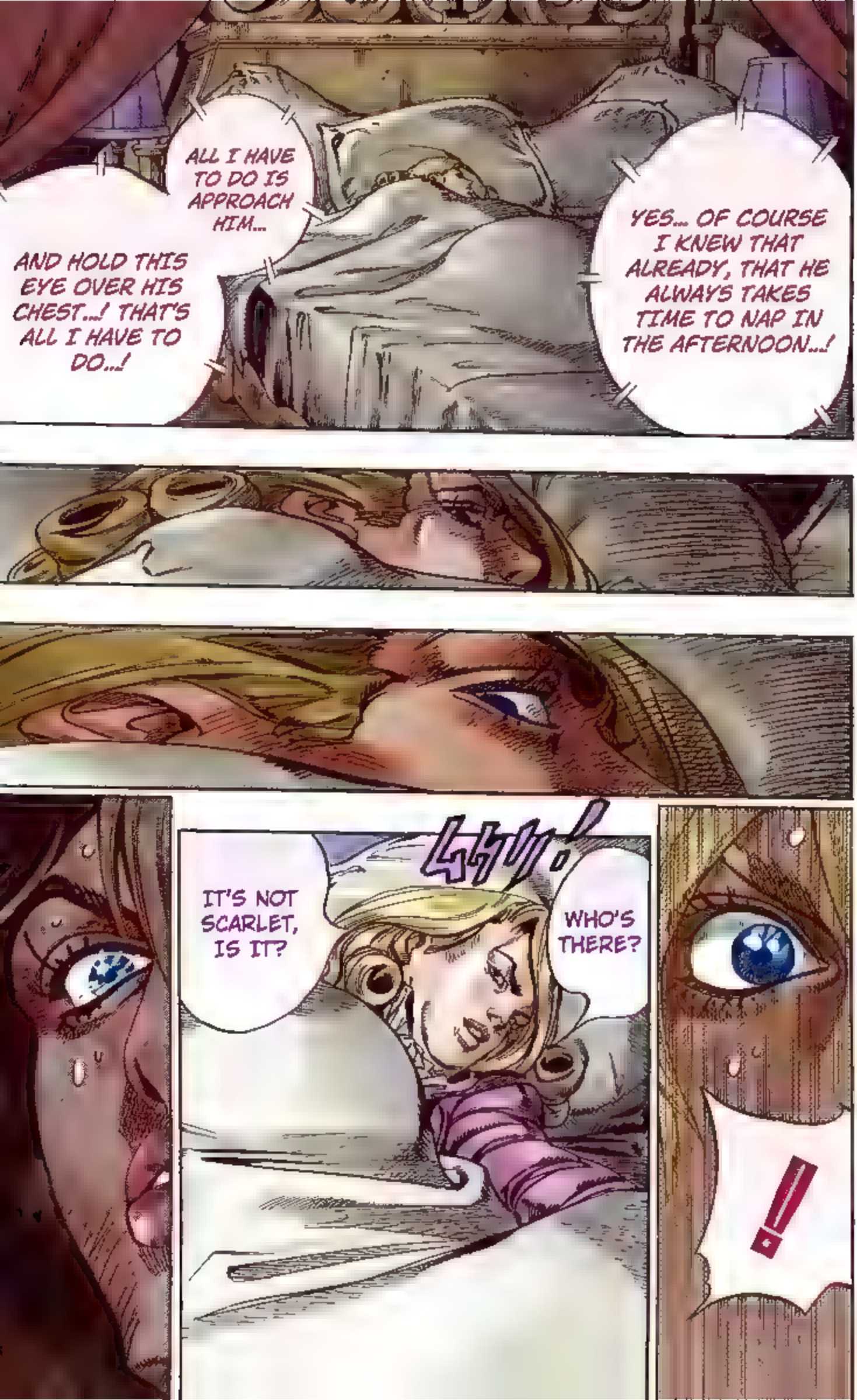



'OH, IT'S FINE. MY HUSBAND'S ROOM IS THREE DOORS DOWN, ANYWAY.'
'YOU'RE AWARE, RIGHT? THE PRESIDENT ALWAYS TAKES AN AFTERNOON NAP.'
THE PRESI-DENT! THAT'S 'THE PRESI-DENT'S ROOM'!
THERE HE IS!


ALL I HAVE TO DO IS APPROACH HIM...
AND HOLD THIS EYE OVER HIS CHEST...! THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO DO...!
YES... OF COURSE I KNEW THAT ALREADY, THAT HE ALWAYS TAKES TIME TO NAP IN THE AFTERNOON...!
IT'S NOT SCARLET, IS IT?
Ghh!
WHO'S THERE?
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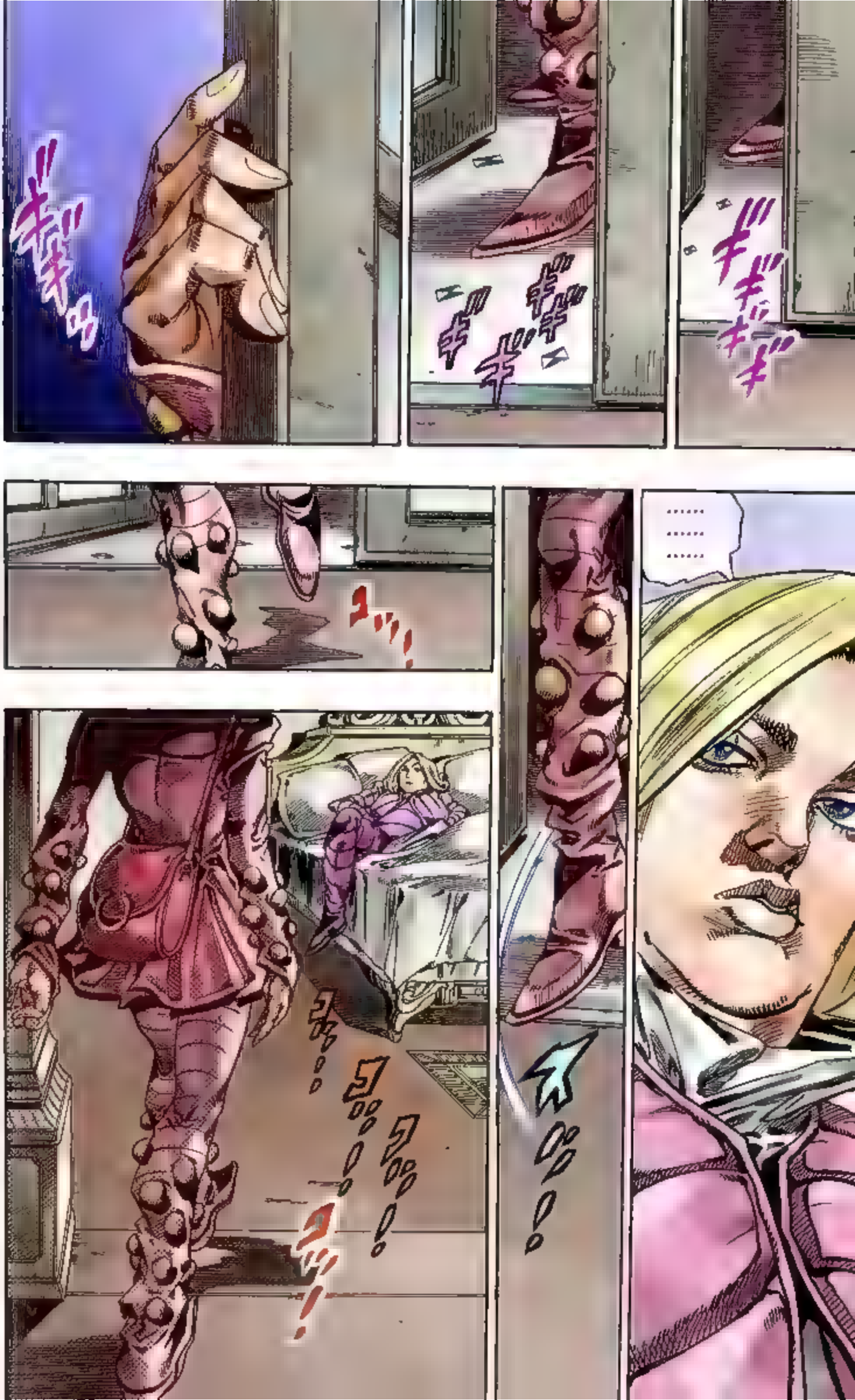
I'M ONLY TELLING YOU ONE MORE TIME! COME OUT!
SHOW YOURSELF ...
WHO IS IT...?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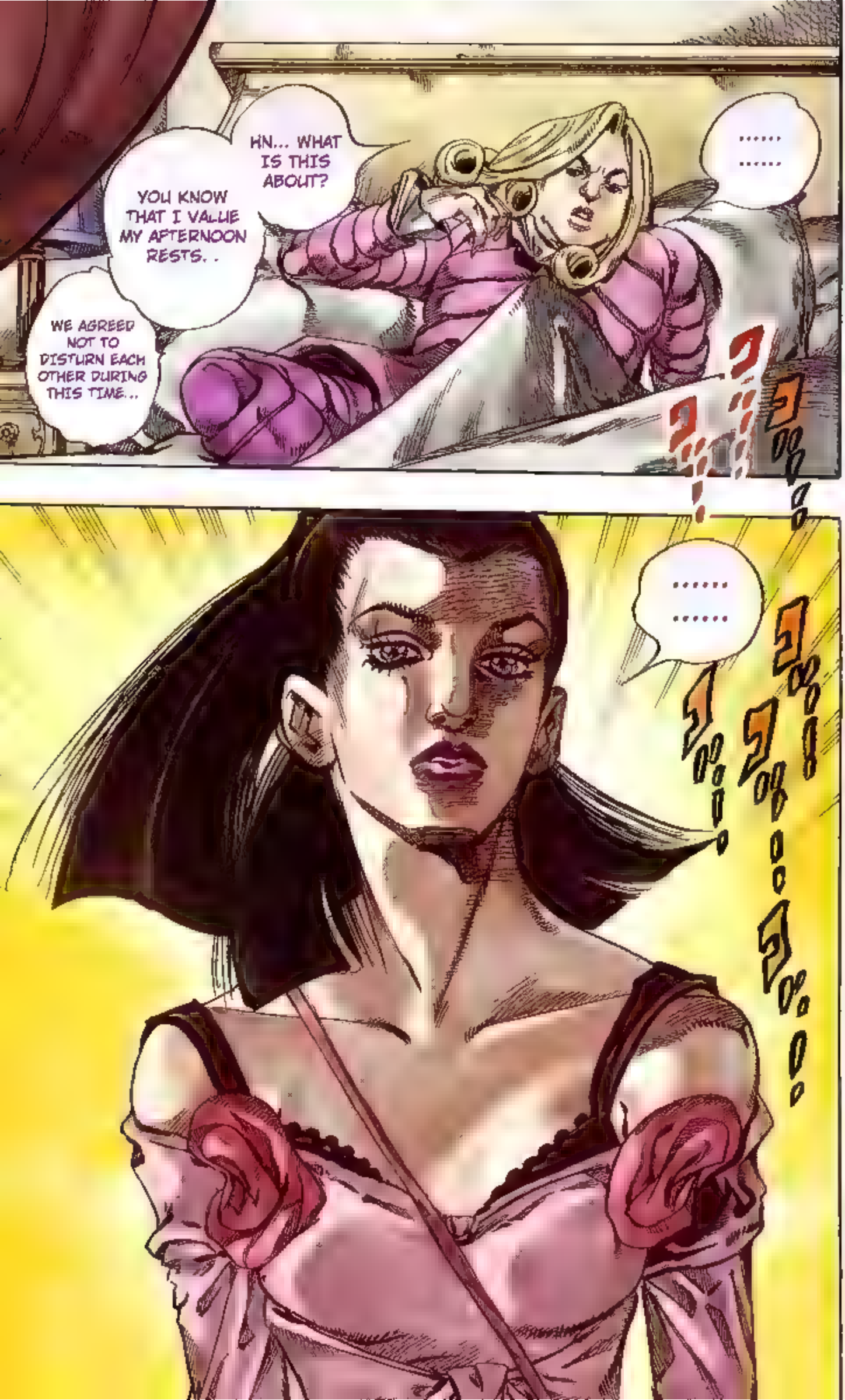
WE AGREED NOT TO DISTURN EACH OTHER DURING THIS TIME...
YOU KNOW THAT I VALUE MY AFTERNOON RESTS. .
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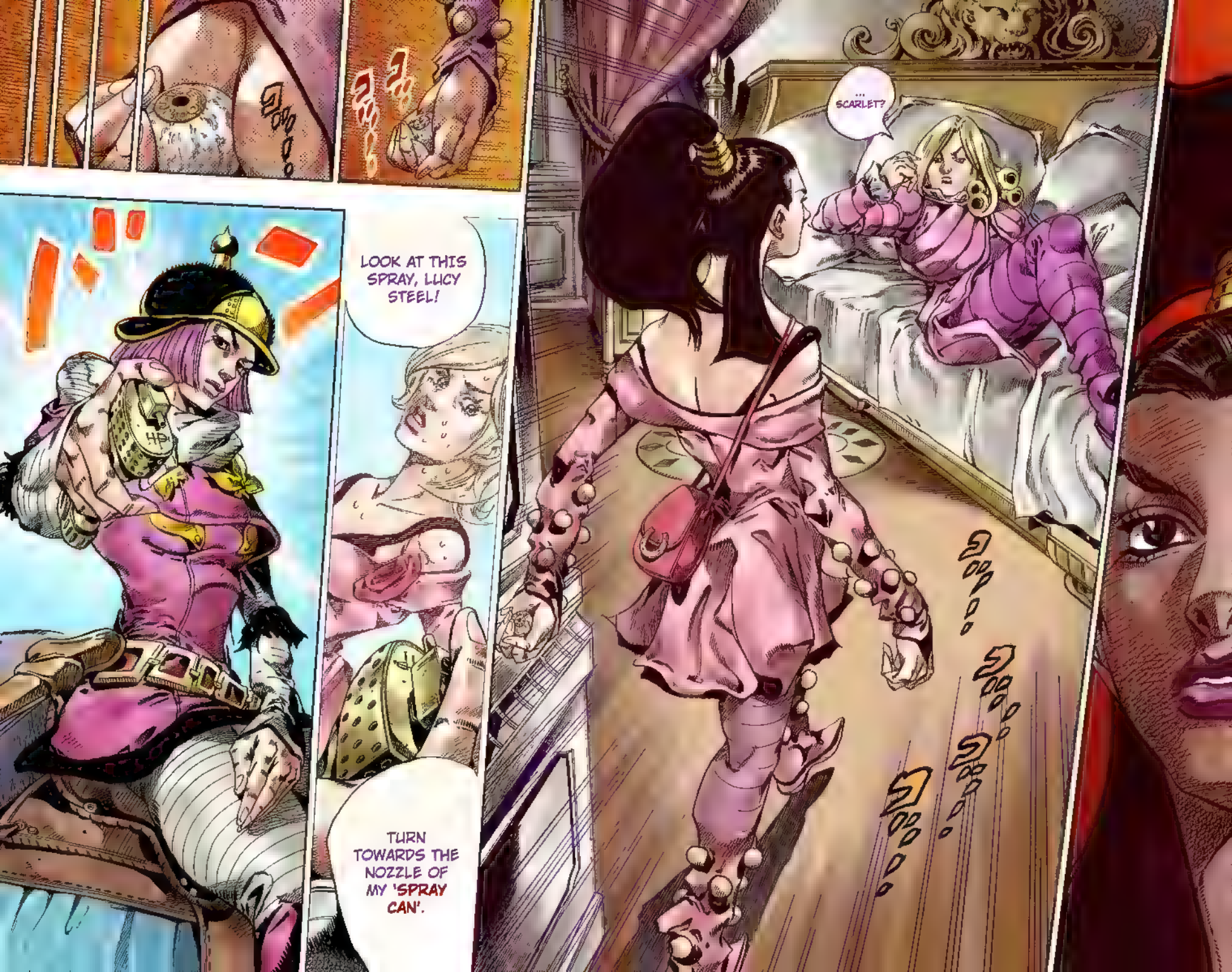
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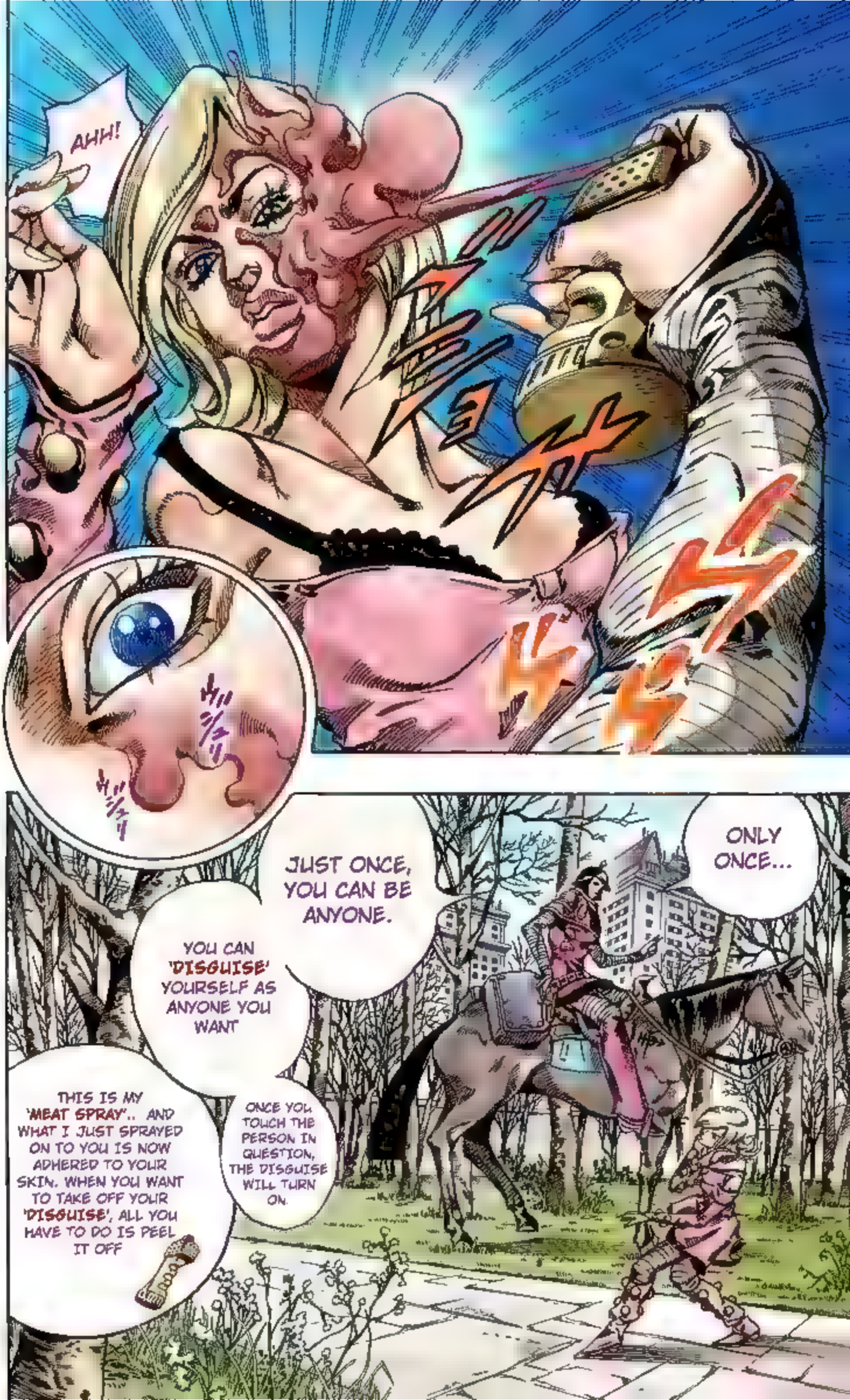
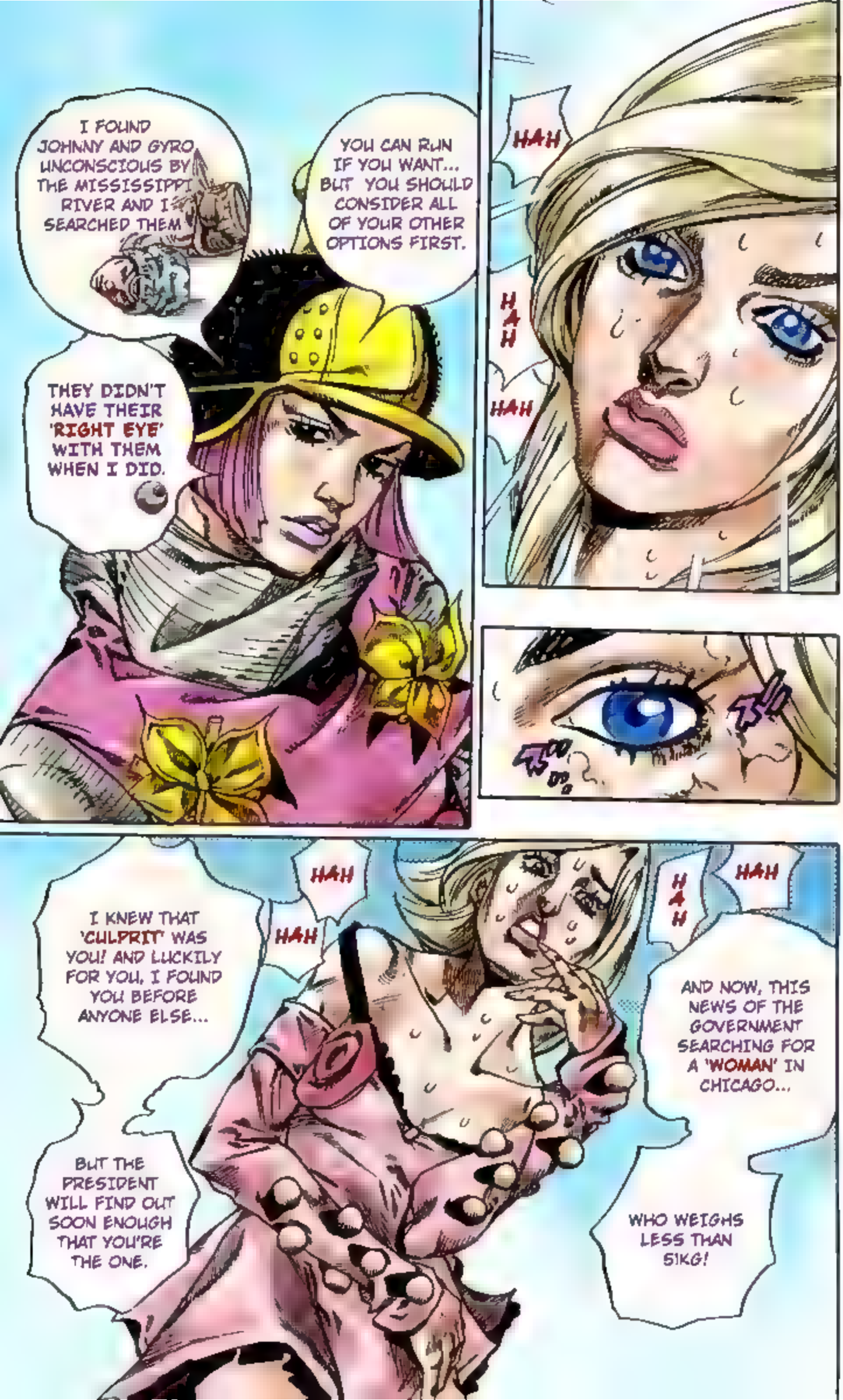
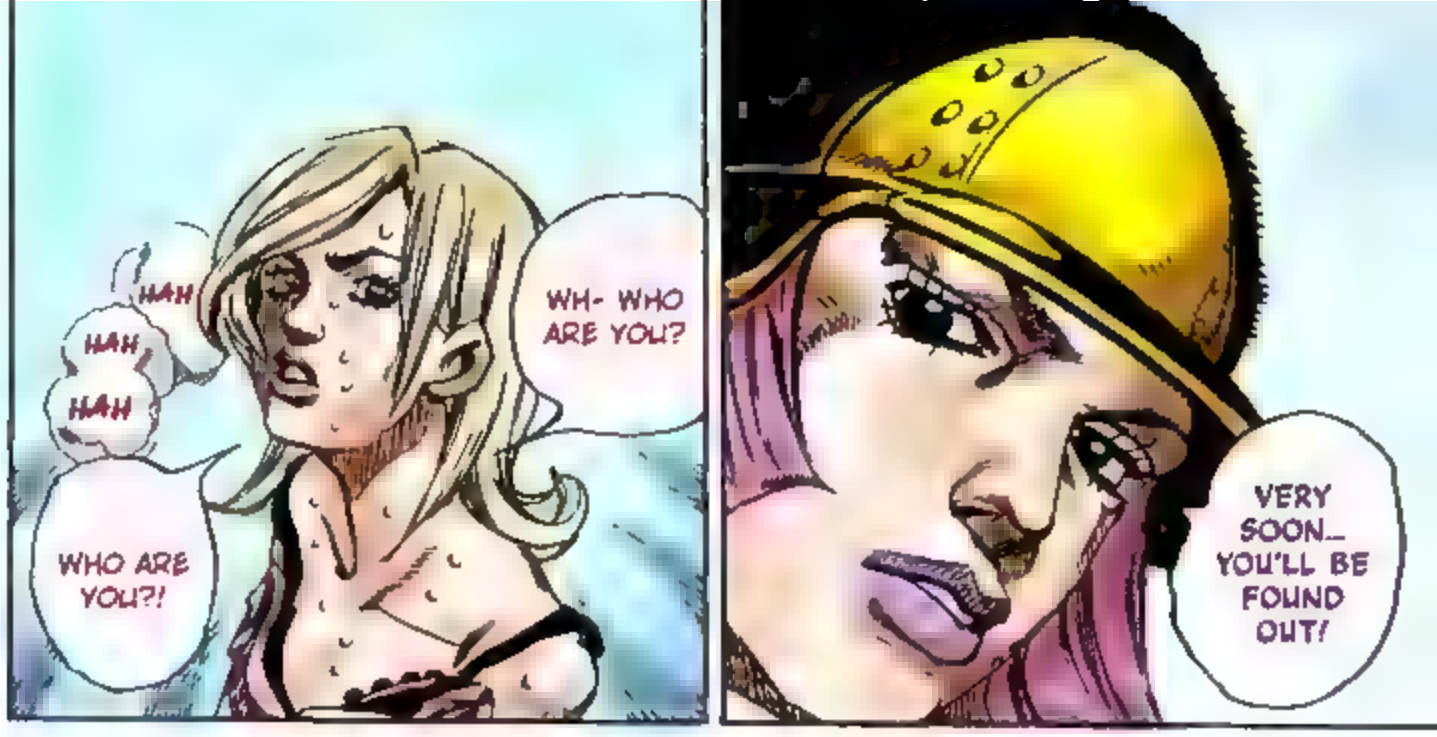
SCARLET?
LOOK AT THIS SPRAY, LUCY STEEL!
TURN TOWARDS THE NOZZLE OF MY 'SPRAY CAN'.


AHH!
ONLY ONCE...
JUST ONCE, YOU CAN BE ANYONE.
YOU CAN 'DISGUISE' YOURSELF AS ANYONE YOU WANT
THIS IS MY 'MEAT SPRAY'.. AND WHAT I JUST SPRAYED ON TO YOU IS NOW ADHERED TO YOUR SKIN. WHEN YOU WANT TO TAKE OFF YOUR 'DISGUISE', ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PEEL IT OFF
ONCE YOU TOUCH THE PERSON IN QUESTION, THE DISGUISE WILL TURN ON.


I FOUND JOHNNY AND GYRO UNCONSCIOUS BY THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND I SEARCHED THEM
YOU CAN RUN IF YOU WANT... BUT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER ALL OF YOUR OTHER OPTIONS FIRST.
THEY DIDN'T HAVE THEIR 'RIGHT EYE' WITH THEM WHEN I DID.
HAH
HAH
HAH
I KNEW THAT 'CULPRIT' WAS YOU! AND LUCKILY FOR YOU, I FOUND YOU BEFORE ANYONE ELSE...
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
AND NOW, THIS NEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT SEARCHING FOR A 'WOMAN' IN CHICAGO...
BUT THE PRESIDENT WILL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH THAT YOU'RE THE ONE.
WHO WEIGHS LESS THAN 51KG!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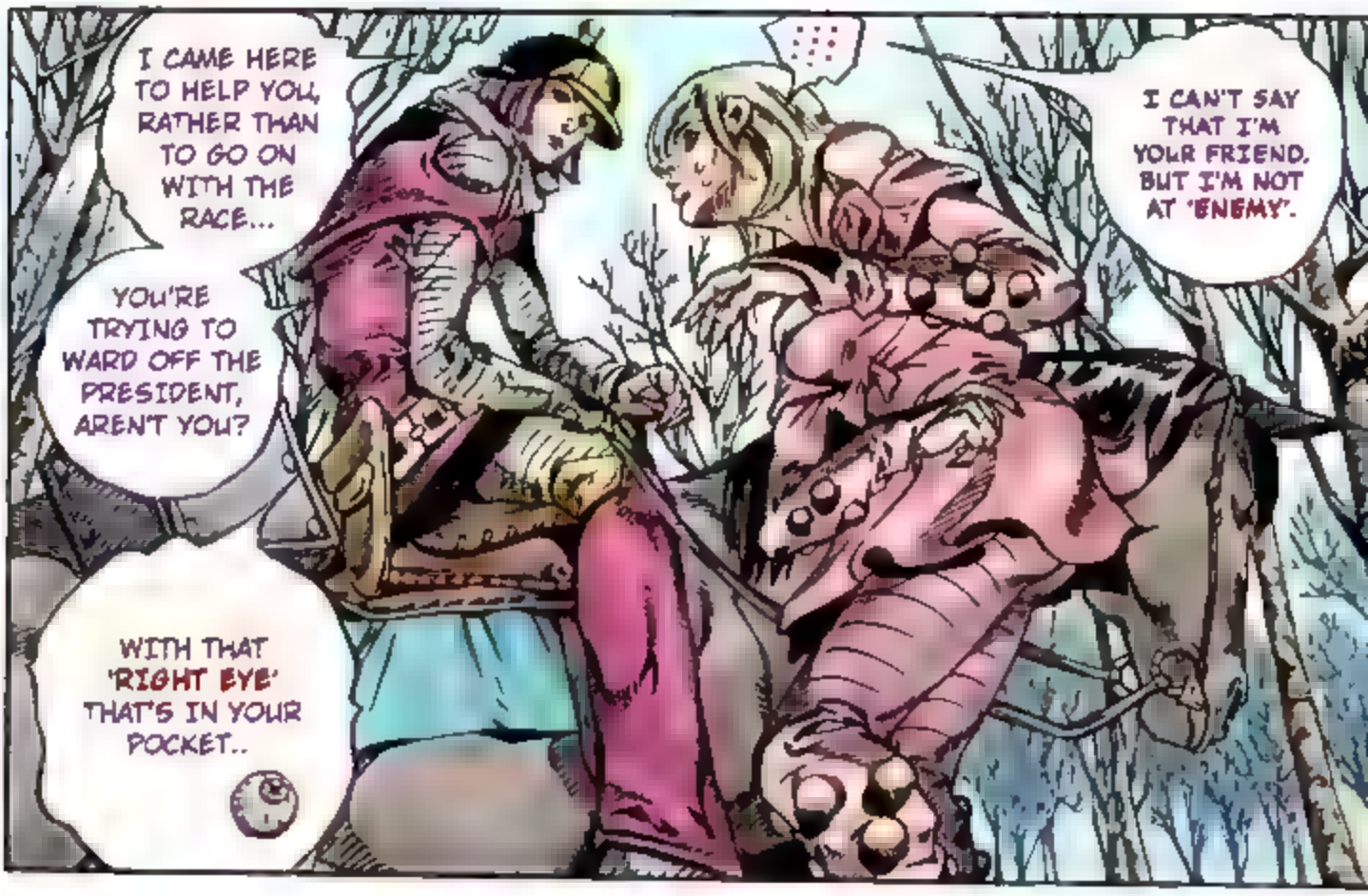
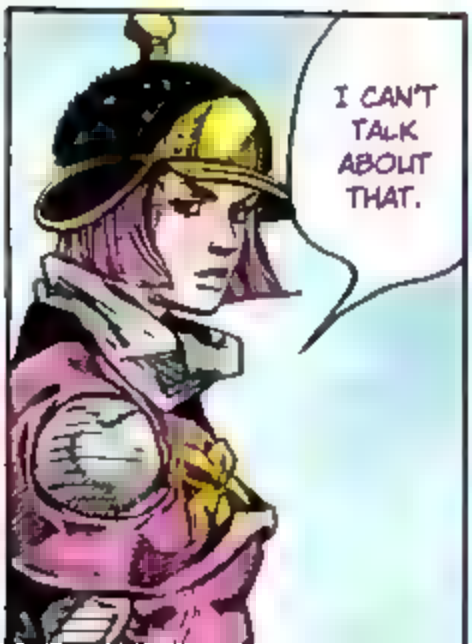
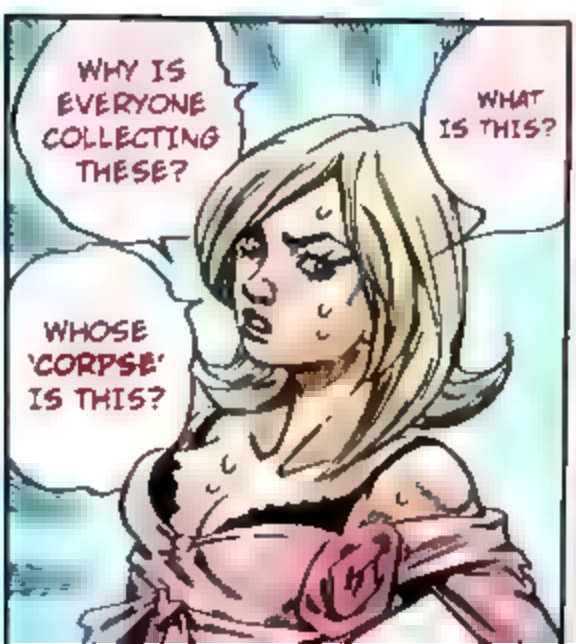
WHO ARE YOU?!
WH- WHO ARE YOU?
VERY SOON... YOU'LL BE FOUND OUT!


I CAME HERE TO HELP YOU, RATHER THAN TO GO ON WITH THE RACE...
YOU'RE TRYING TO WARD OFF THE PRESIDENT, AREN'T YOU?
WITH THAT 'RIGHT EYE' THAT'S IN YOUR POCKET..
I CAN'T SAY THAT I'M YOUR FRIEND, BUT I'M NOT AT 'ENEMY'.


I CAN'T TALK ABOUT THAT.


WHY IS EVERYONE COLLECTING THESE?
WHAT IS THIS?
WHOSE 'CORPSE' IS THIS?

I'M NOT LOOKING TO DEFEAT ANYONE.
I'M JUST TRYING TO COLLECT THE CORPSE PARTS, WITH THIS RACE AS A PRETENSE.
LISTEN, MRS. STEEL.
ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT IT HAS TO DO WITH 'THE VATICAN'...
THE 'SPRAY' CAN ALTER YOUR HAIR, YOUR EYEBROWS, YOUR EYES .. EVEN YOUR VOICE. IF THE PERSON HAS A SCENT, IT CAN COPY THAT AS WELL.

YOU CAN APPROACH 'THE PRESIDENT' WITH THAT DISGUISE ..
AND EVEN THOUGH HIS 'POWERS' ARE UNKNOWN TO US, ONCE YOU EXTRACT THE 'HEART', HE SHOULD BE RENDERED POWERLESS.

YOUR HUSBAND, TOO.
IF NOT, YOU'LL BE CAUGHT AND 'EXECUTED' BY THEM!
ARE YOU READY?
THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO!

JUST BY HOLDING THIS EYE OVER HIS CHEST?
C, CAN I REALLY TAKE THE 'HEART' FROM THE PRESIDENT,
JUST TAKE IT LIKE I JUST DID... AND THEN ESCAPE.
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EVEN IF I COULD INFILTRATE THE PRESIDENT'S MANSION, ONLY YOU COULD BRING THE 'CORPSE PARTS' OUTSIDE...
AND YOU HAVE TO DO IT NOW... WHILE THEY STILL DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU.
THAT'S 'IMPOSS-IBLE'!
I CAN'T 'DISSOLVE' THESE CORPSE PARTS LIKE I NORMALLY DO.
MRS. STEEL...
'YOU HAVE TO STIFFEN YOUR RESOLVE'.
ISN'T THAT WHY YOU RECEIVED THE 'EYE' FROM GYRO?
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAHH
CLICK
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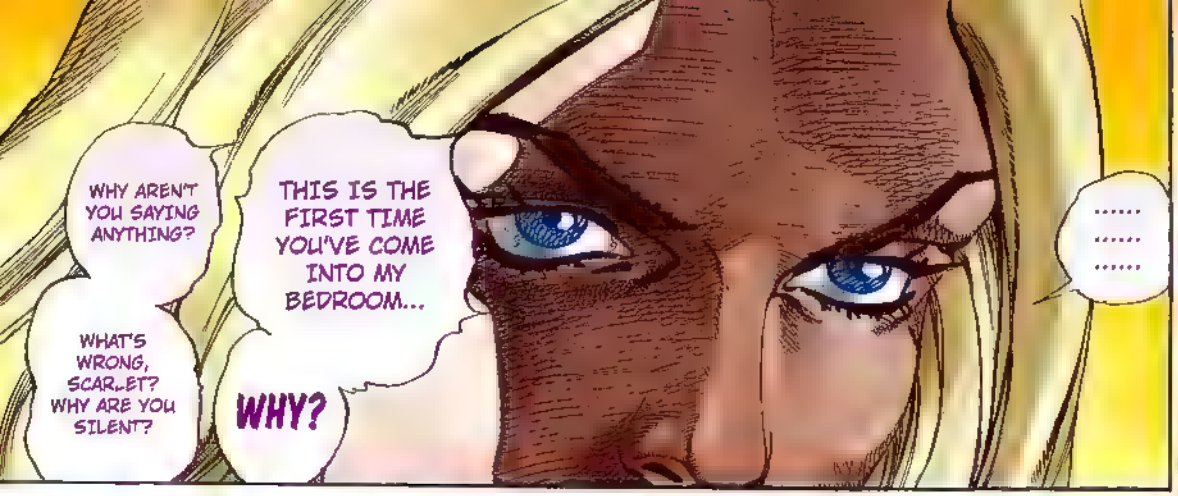
CLICK
CLICK
I'M TELLING YOU TO STOP RIGHT THERE!
SCARLET!
WAIT, STOP! THERE'S SOMETHING OFF!


WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING?
WHAT'S WRONG, SCAR..ET? WHY ARE YOU SILENT?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE COME INTO MY BEDROOM...
WHY?
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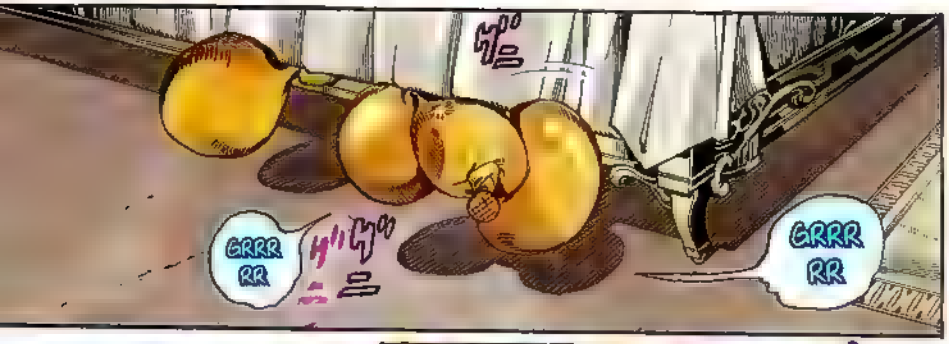
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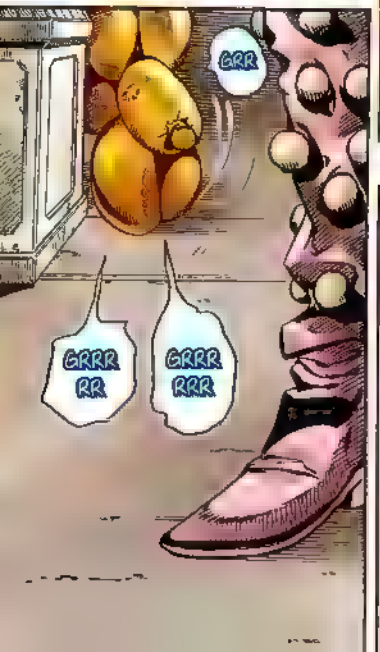
GRRR RR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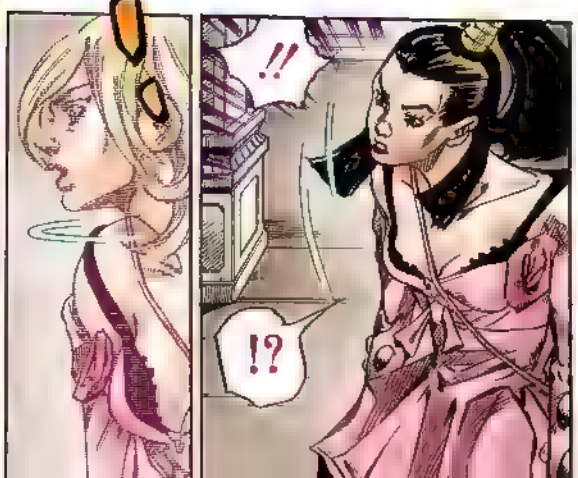
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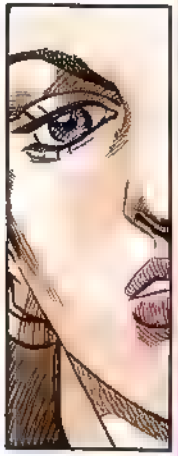

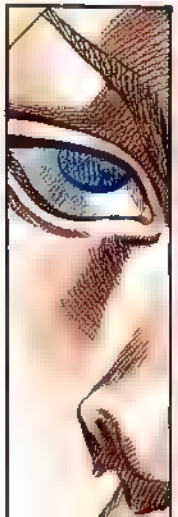

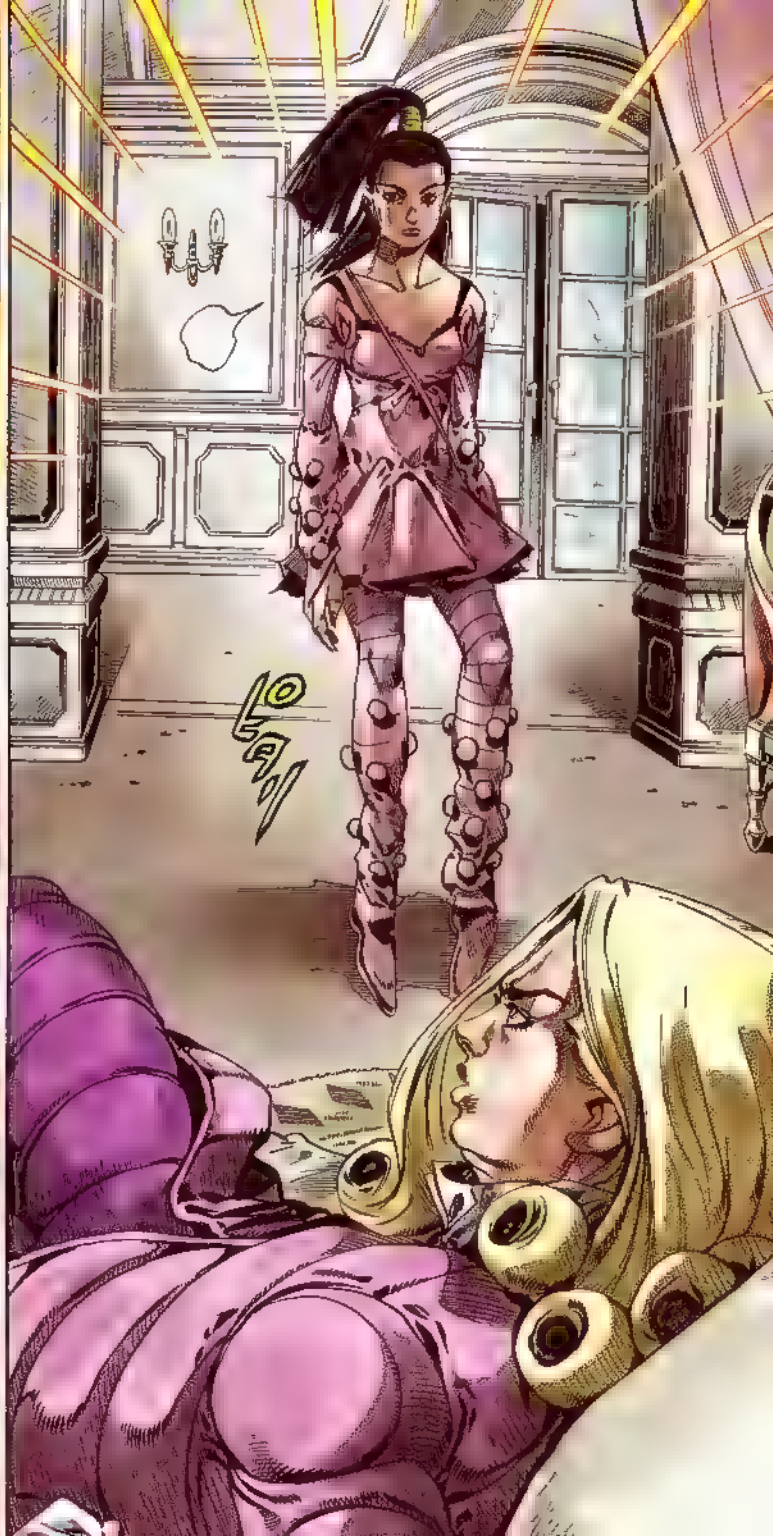
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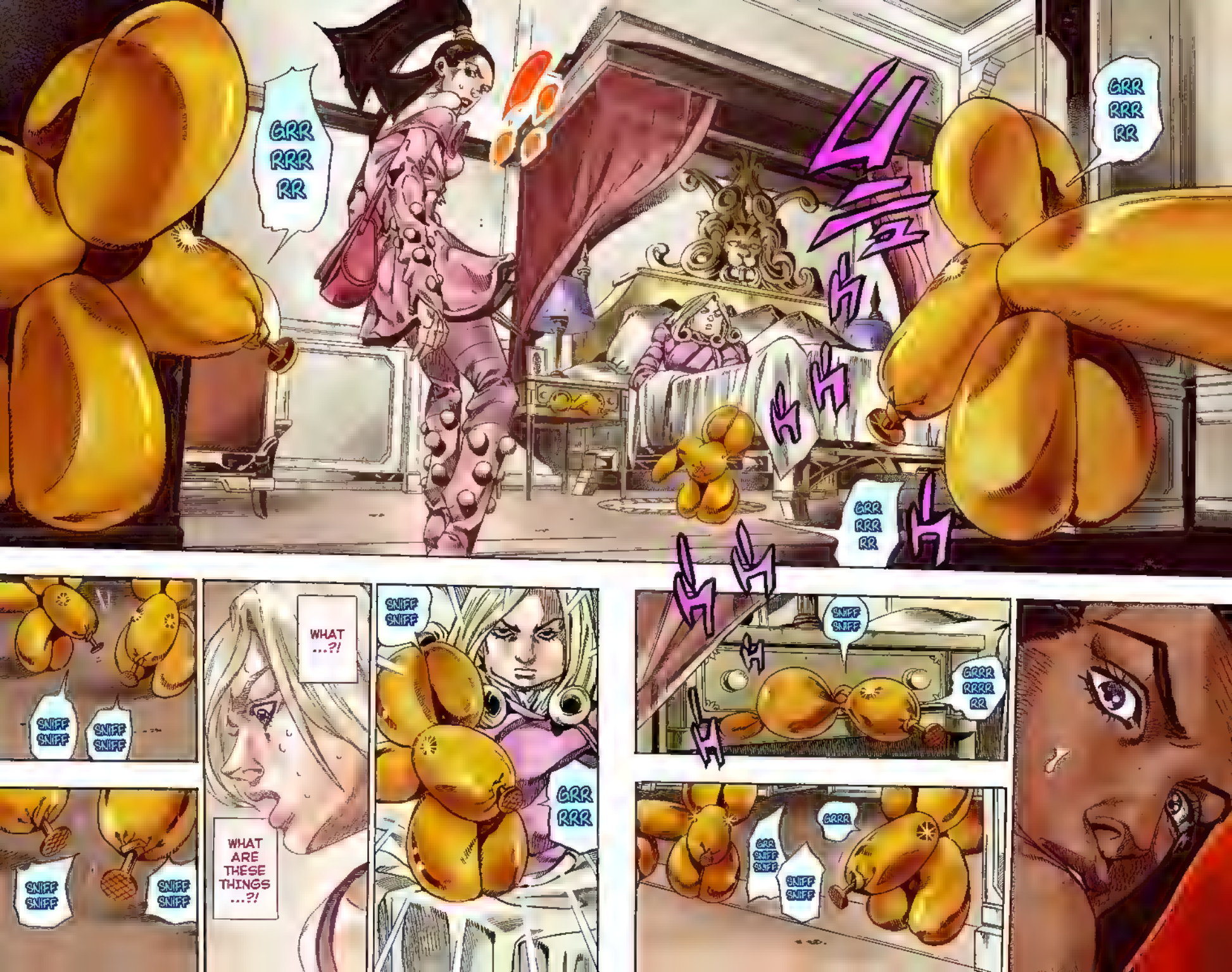
GRR RRR RR
GRR RRR RR
GRR RRR RR
SNIFF SNIFF
SNIFF SNIFF
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WHAT ...?!
WHAT ARE THESE THINGS ...?!
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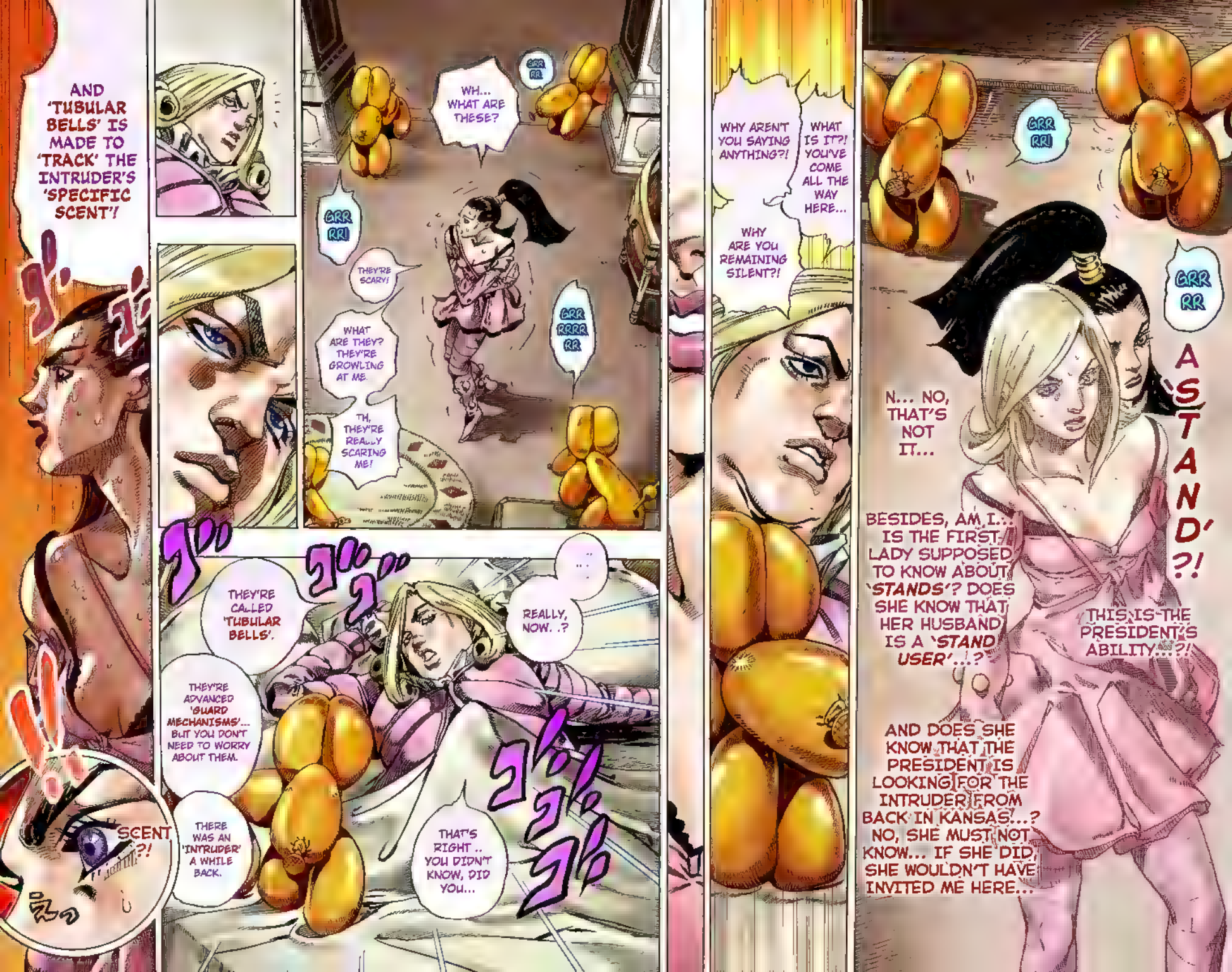
AND 'TUBULAR BELLS' IS MADE TO 'TRACK' THE INTRUDER'S 'SPECIFIC SCENT'!
SCENT ?!
WH... WHAT ARE THESE?
GRR RR
GRR RR!
THEY'RE SCARY!
WHAT ARE THEY? THEY'RE GROWLING AT ME.
TH, THEY'RE REALLY SCARING ME!
GRR RRRR RR
THEY'RE CALLED 'TUBULAR BELLS'.
THEY'RE ADVANCED 'GUARD MECHANISMS'... BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THEM.
THERE WAS AN 'INTRUDER' A WHILE BACK.
THAT'S RIGHT.. YOU DIDN'T KNOW, DID YOU...
REALLY, NOW..?
WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING?!
WHY ARE YOU REMAINING SILENT?!
WHAT IS IT?! YOU'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE...
GRR RR!
GRR RR
A 'STAND'?!
N... NO, THAT'S NOT IT...
BESIDES, AM I...: IS THE FIRST LADY SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT 'STANDS'? DOES SHE KNOW THAT HER HUSBAND IS A 'STAND USER'...?
THIS IS THE PRESIDENT'S ABILITY...?!
AND DOES SHE KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT IS LOOKING FOR THE INTRUDER FROM BACK IN KANSAS...? NO, SHE MUST NOT KNOW... IF SHE DID, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE INVITED ME HERE...

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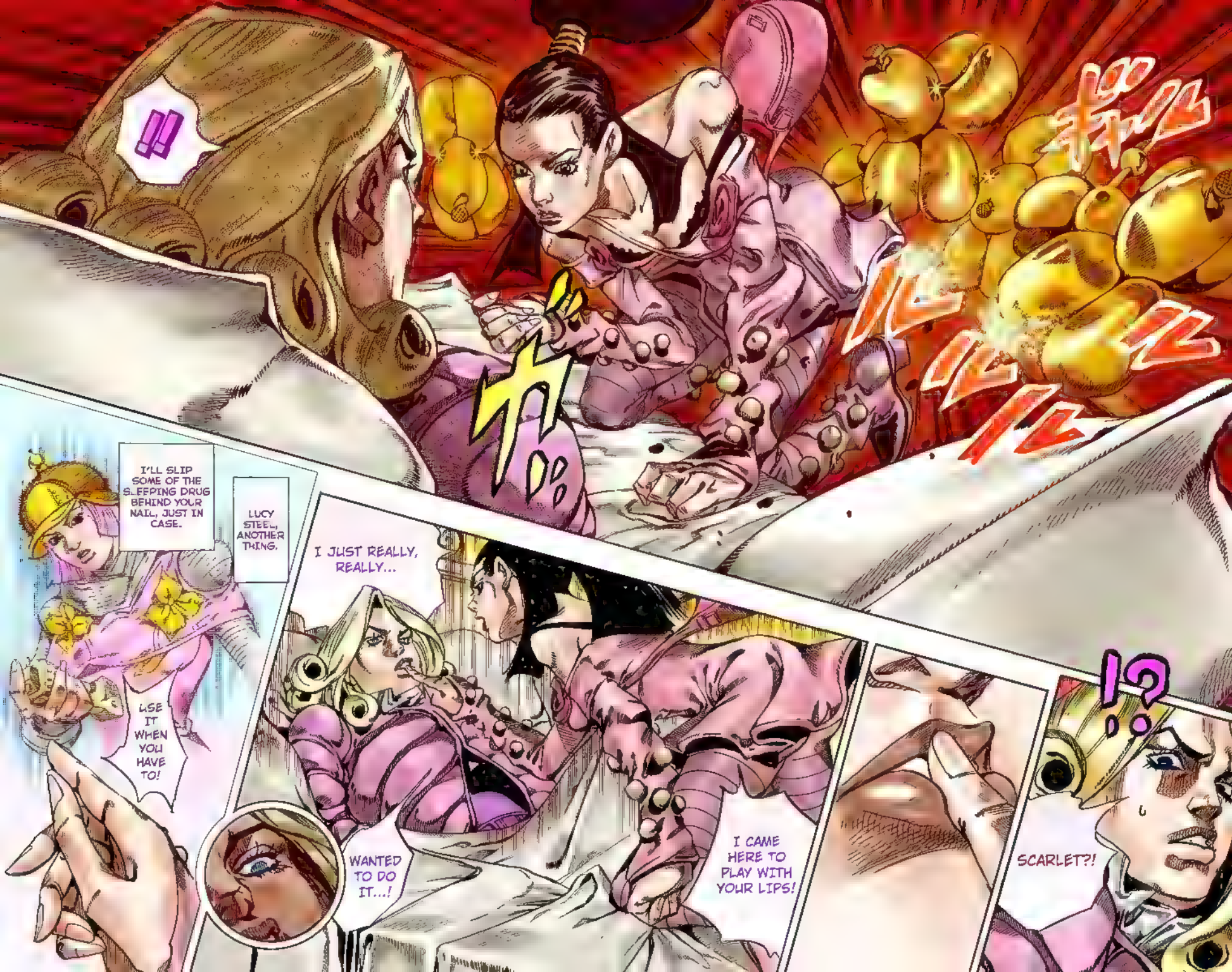
DID THEY GET MY 'SCENT' FROM SOMEWHERE?! NO! THIS IS TERRIBLE!
SNIF
SNIF
SNIF
SNIF
SNIF
SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
EVEN IF YOU KICKED THEM, YOU'D BE FINE
THEY WON'T ATTACK YOU...
A 'SCENT'... WHOSE SCENT...?
IT CAN'T BE...!
IT CAN'T BE...
'SCENT'? IS THAT WHAT HE SAID...?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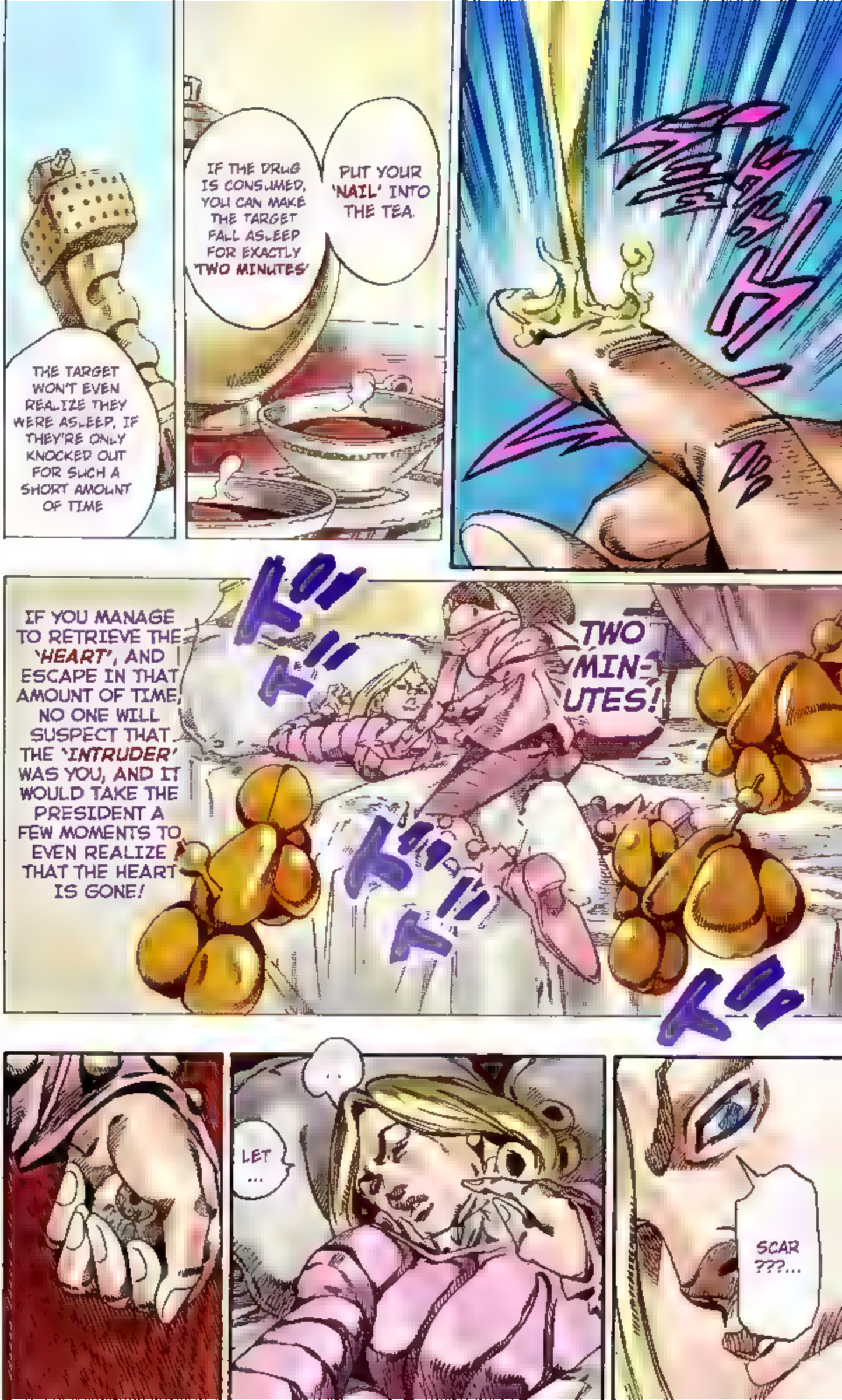
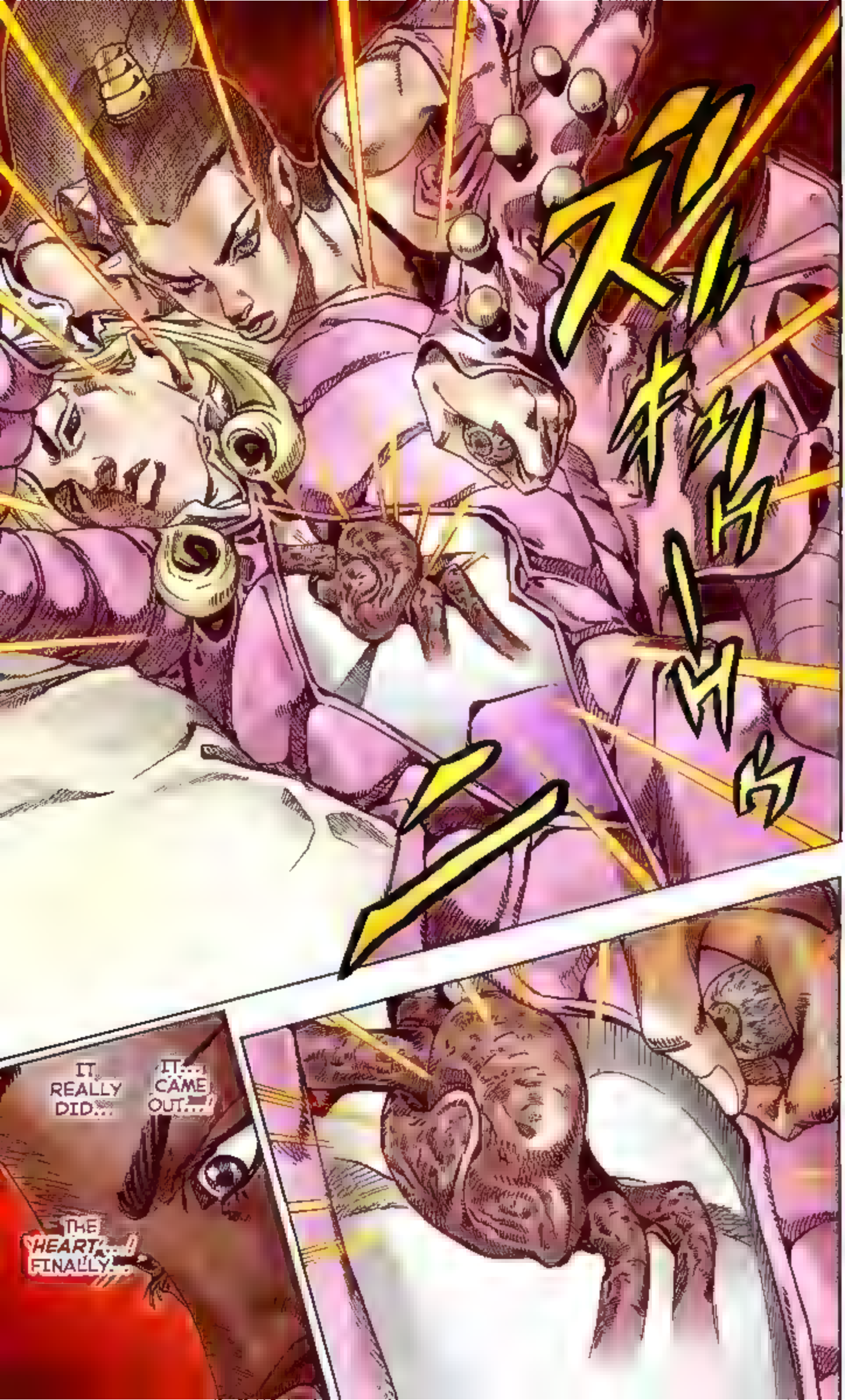
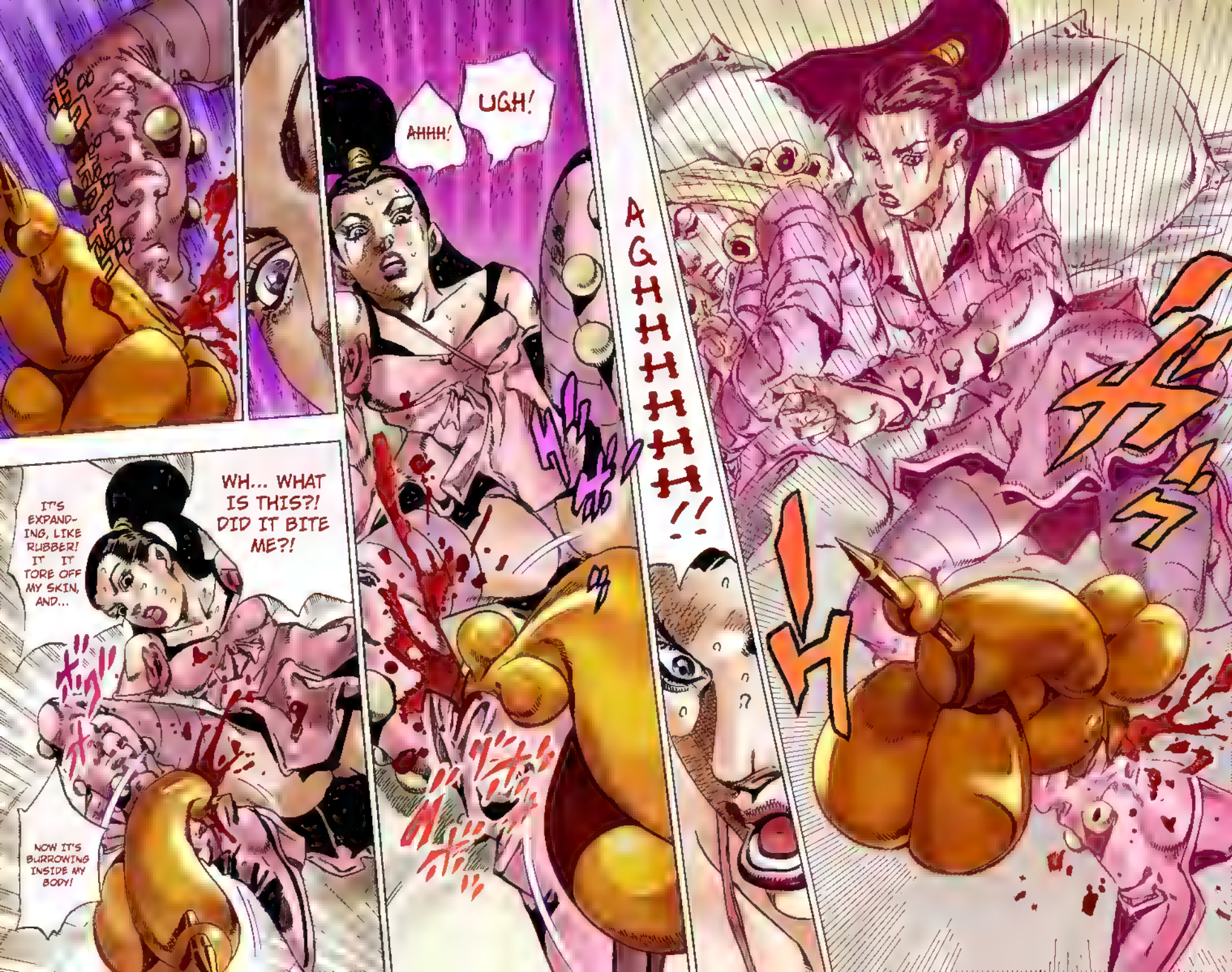
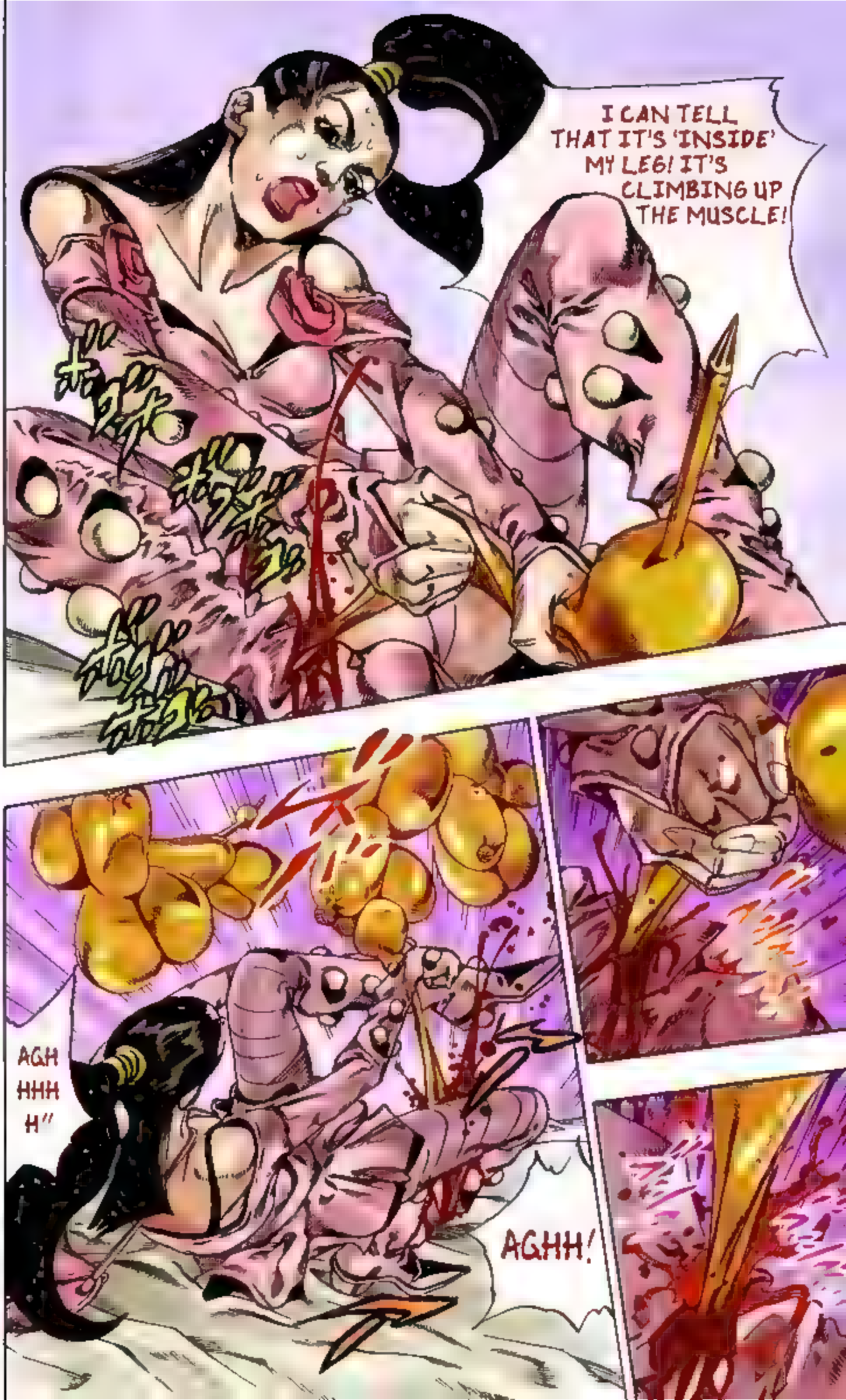
I'LL SLIP SOME OF THE SLEEPING DRUG BEHIND YOUR NAIL, JUST IN CASE.
LUCY STEEL, ANOTHER THING.
USE IT WHEN YOU HAVE TO!
I JUST REALLY, REALLY...
WANTED TO DO IT...!
I CAME HERE TO PLAY WITH YOUR LIPS!
!?
SCARLET?!

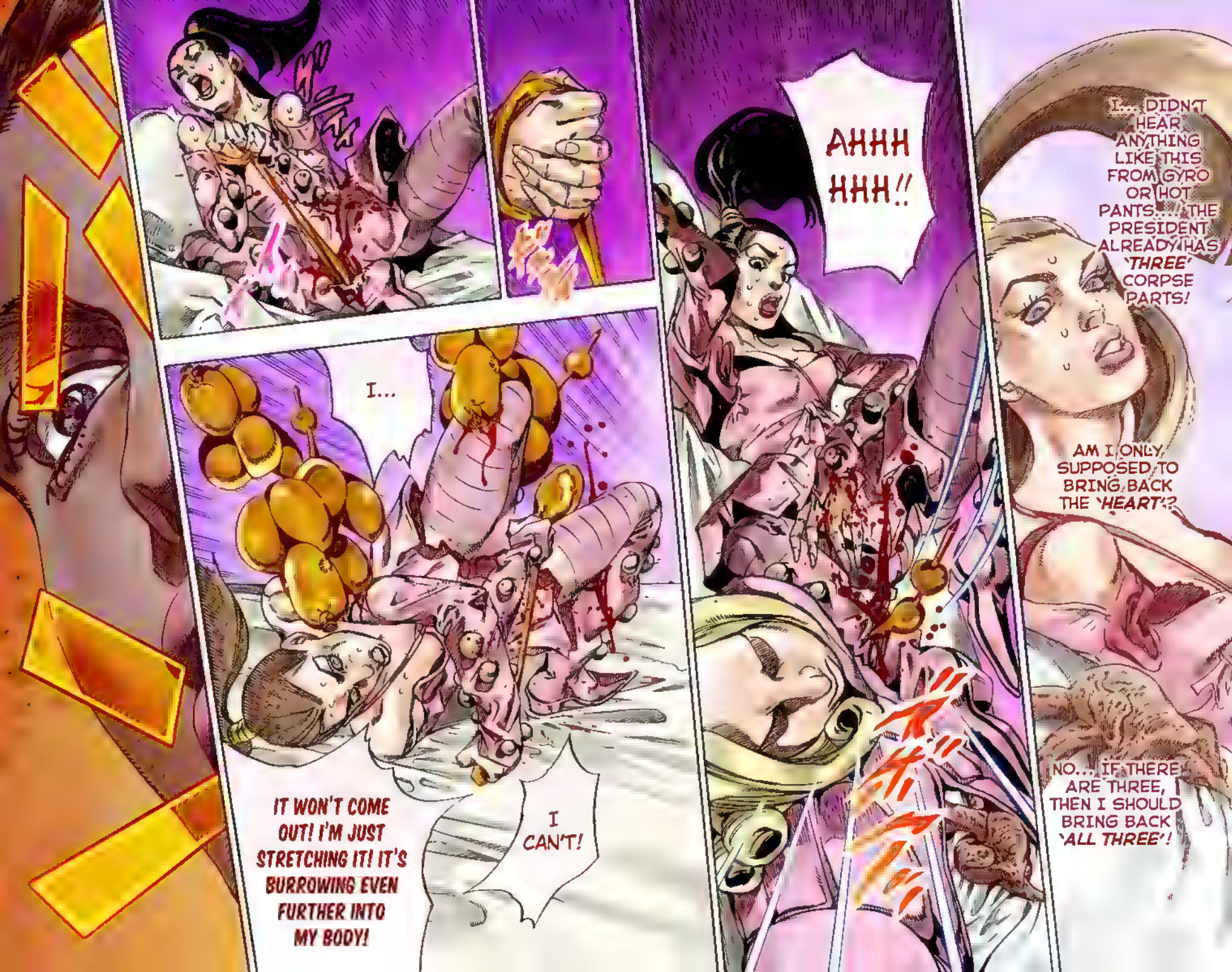

THE TARGET WON'T EVEN REALIZE THEY WERE ASLEEP, IF THEY'RE ONLY KNOCKED OUT FOR SUCH A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME
IF THE DRUG IS CONSUMED, YOU CAN MAKE THE TARGET FALL ASLEEP FOR EXACTLY 'TWO MINUTES'
PUT YOUR 'NAIL' INTO THE TEA.
SLASH!
IF YOU MANAGE TO RETRIEVE THE 'HEART', AND ESCAPE IN THAT AMOUNT OF TIME, NO ONE WILL SUSPECT THAT THE 'INTRUDER' WAS YOU, AND IT WOULD TAKE THE PRESIDENT A FEW MOMENTS TO EVEN REALIZE THAT THE HEART IS GONE!
TWO MIN-UTES!
KIT
KIT
KIT
LET ...
SCAR ???...

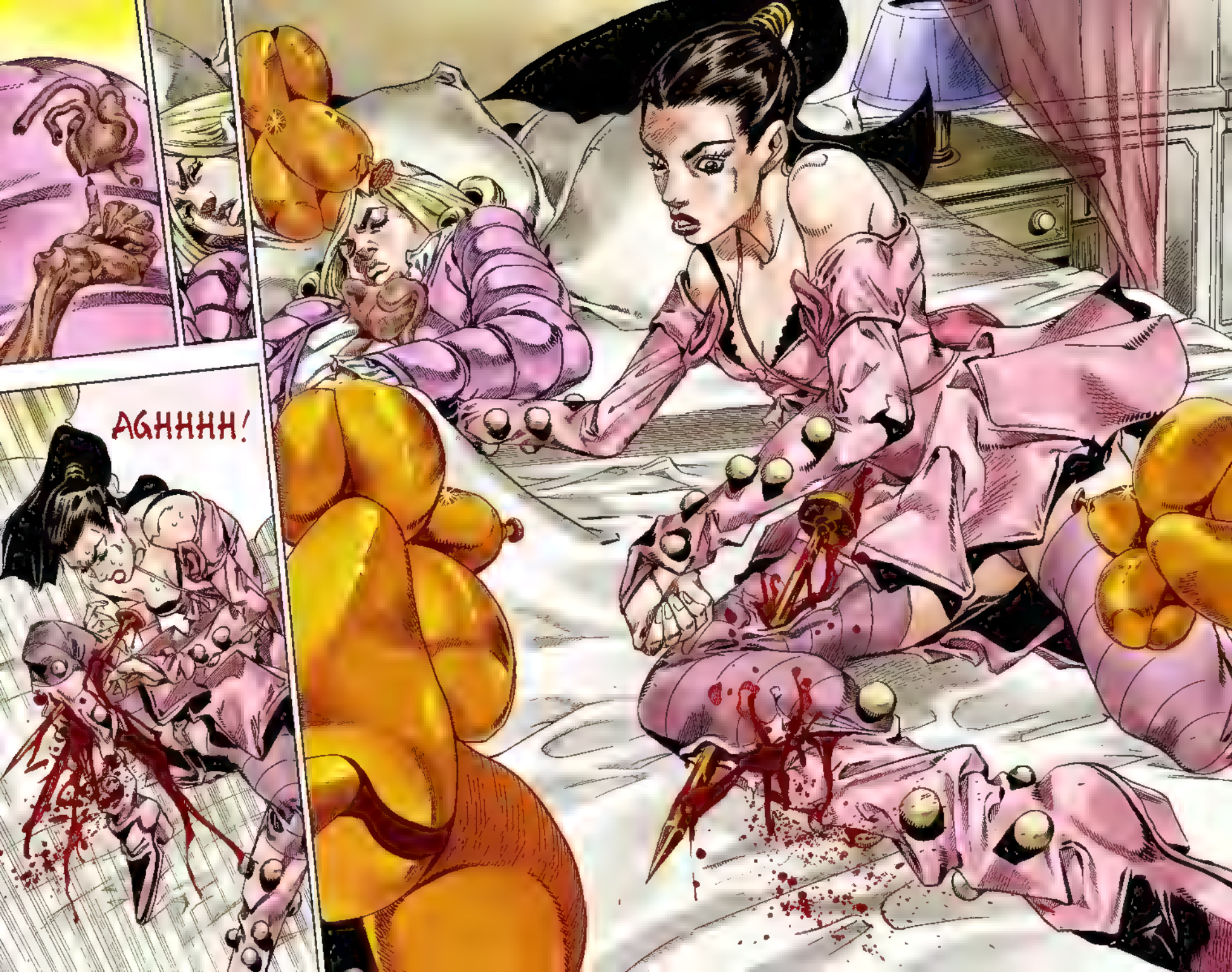

IT REALLY DID...
IT... CAME OUT...!
THE HEART...! FINALLY...


UGH!
AHHH!
AGHHHHHH!!
WH... WHAT IS THIS?! DID IT BITE ME?!
IT'S EXPAND-ING, LIKE RUBBER! IT IT TORE OFF MY SKIN, AND...
NOW IT'S BURROWING INSIDE MY BODY!


I CAN TELL THAT IT'S 'INSIDE' MY LEG! IT'S CLIMBING UP THE MUSCLE!
AGH HHH H"
AGHH!

THERE!
THERE ARE THREE!!
THERE ARE OTHERS.. AN ARM AND EARS''
HE DON. JUST HAVE THE HEART
UH WHAT'S THIS ?


I...
IT WON'T COME OUT! I'M JUST STRETCHING IT! IT'S BURROWING EVEN FURTHER INTO MY BODY!
I CAN'T!
AHHH HHH!!
I... DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING LIKE THIS FROM GYRO OR HOT PANTS... THE PRESIDENT ALREADY HAS 'THREE' CORPSE PARTS!
AM I ONLY SUPPOSED TO BRING BACK THE 'HEART'?
NO... IF THERE ARE THREE, THEN I SHOULD BRING BACK 'ALL THREE'!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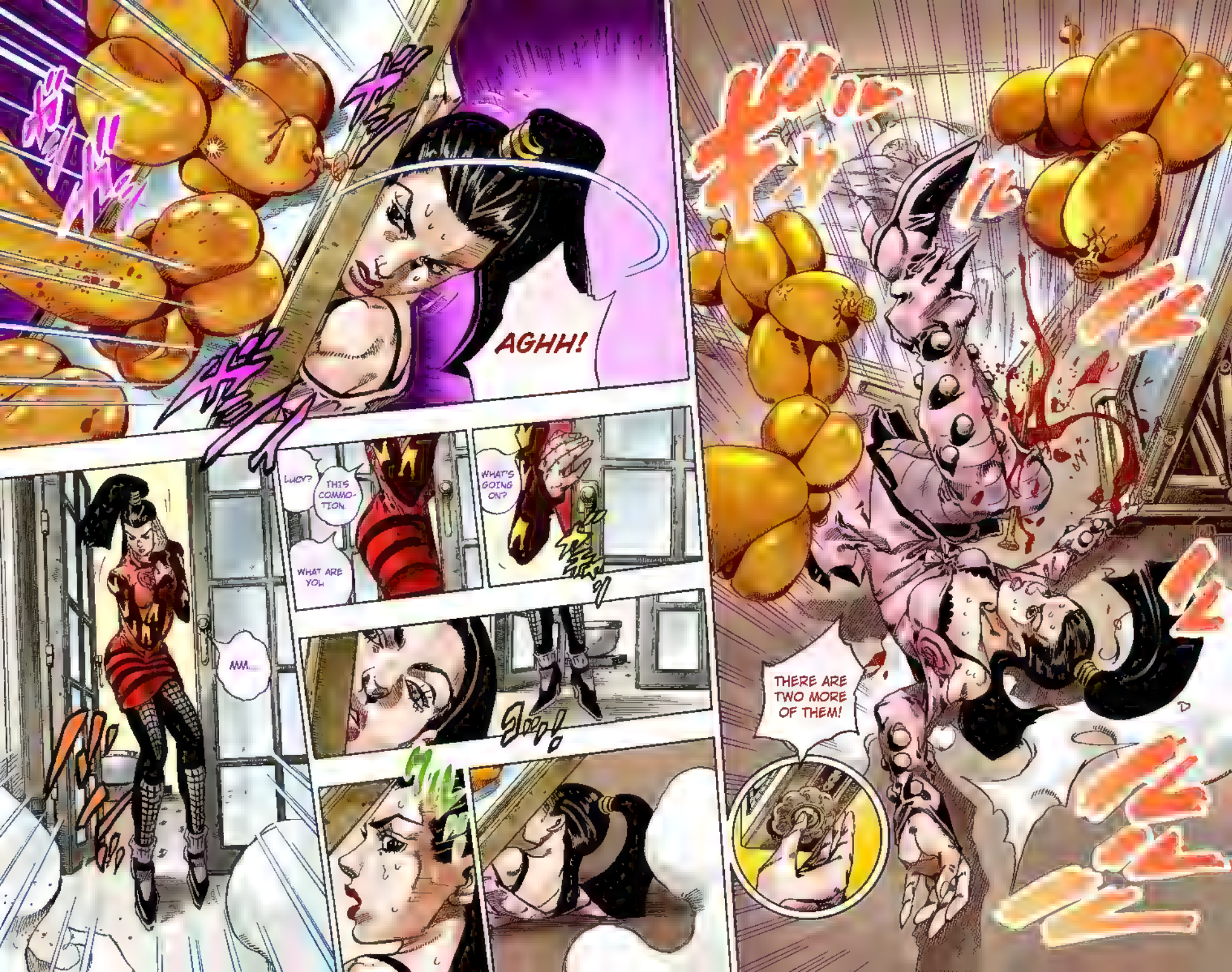
AGHH!
LUCY?
THIS COMMO-TION.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT ARE YOU
MM...
THERE ARE TWO MORE OF THEM!

WHAT...?! WHY...?!
IT CAN'T BE...
A... AT A TIME LIKE THIS...!
NO, NO ...!
WHO?
WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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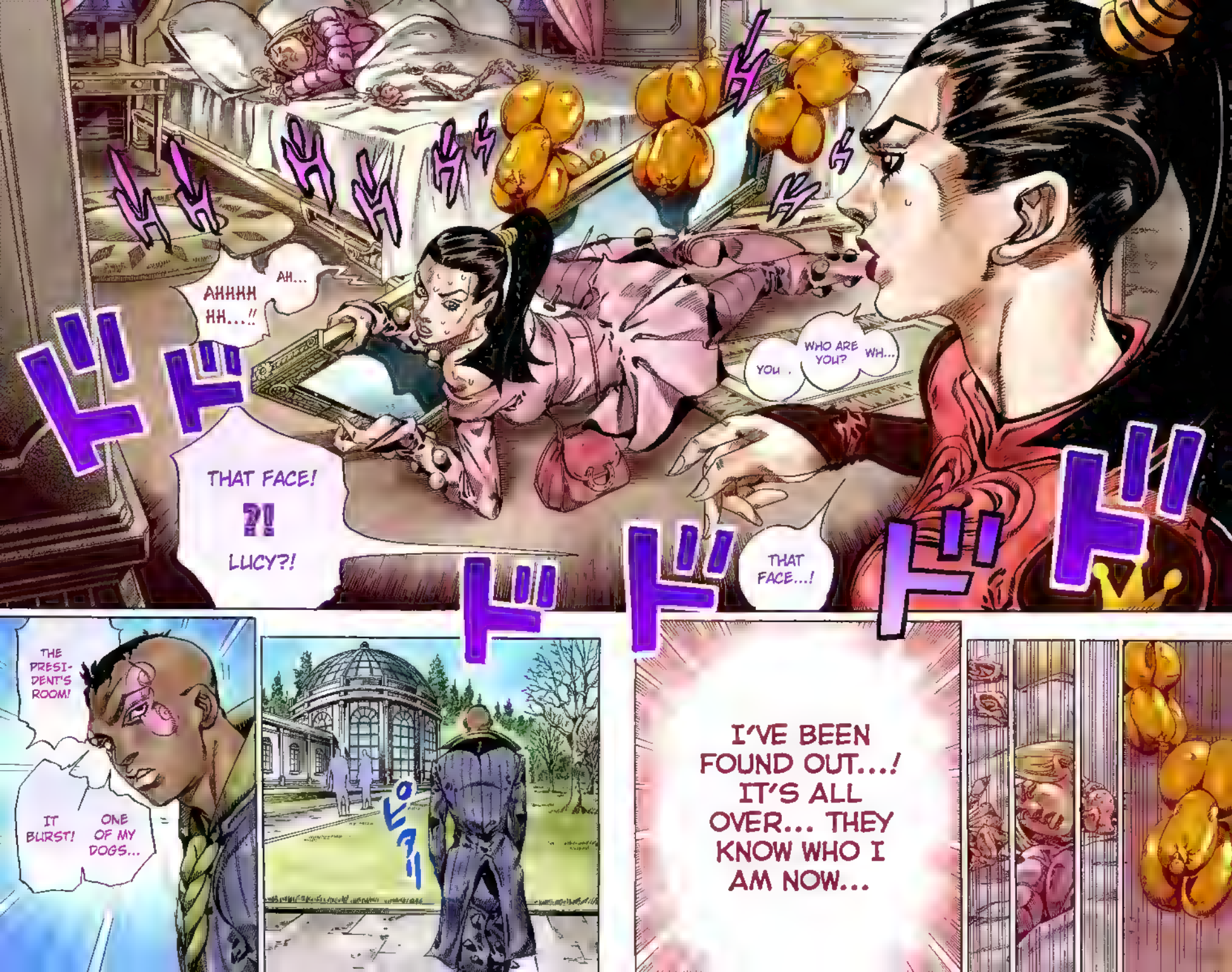
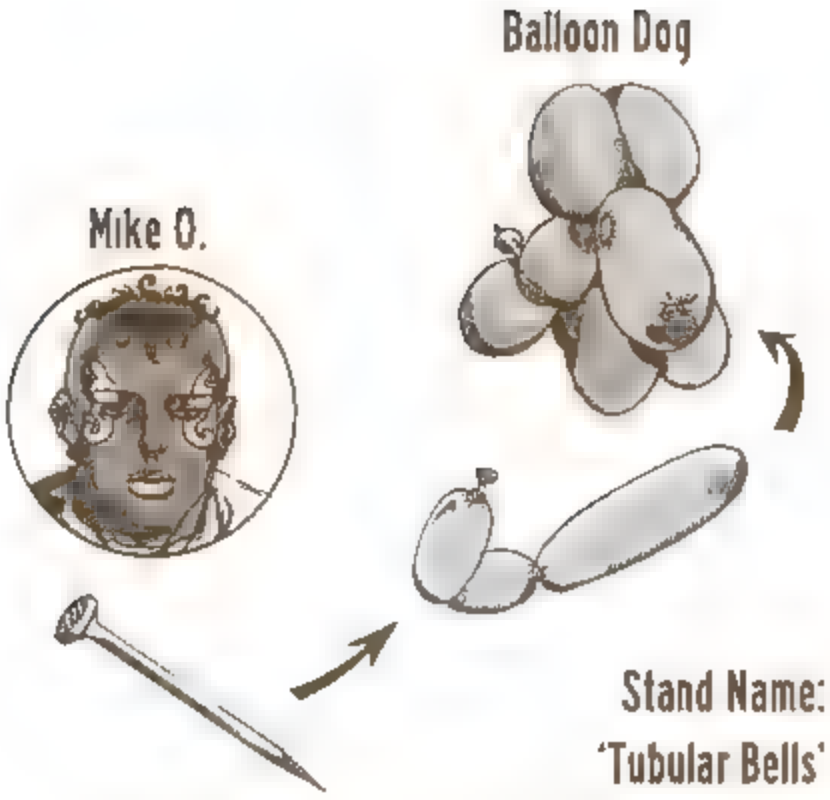

AHHHH HH...!!
AH...
THAT FACE! ?! LUCY?!
YOU .
WHO ARE YOU?
WH...
THAT FACE...!
THE PRESI-DENT'S ROOM!
IT BURST!
ONE OF MY DOGS...
I'VE BEEN FOUND OUT...! IT'S ALL OVER... THEY KNOW WHO I AM NOW...



Stand Name:
'Tubular Bells'

Has the ability to blow up metal like a balloon. Once he forms the stand into a shape, such as a 'balloon' dog, it gains the ability to track down a 'target'. It burrows into the target's body and destroys them.

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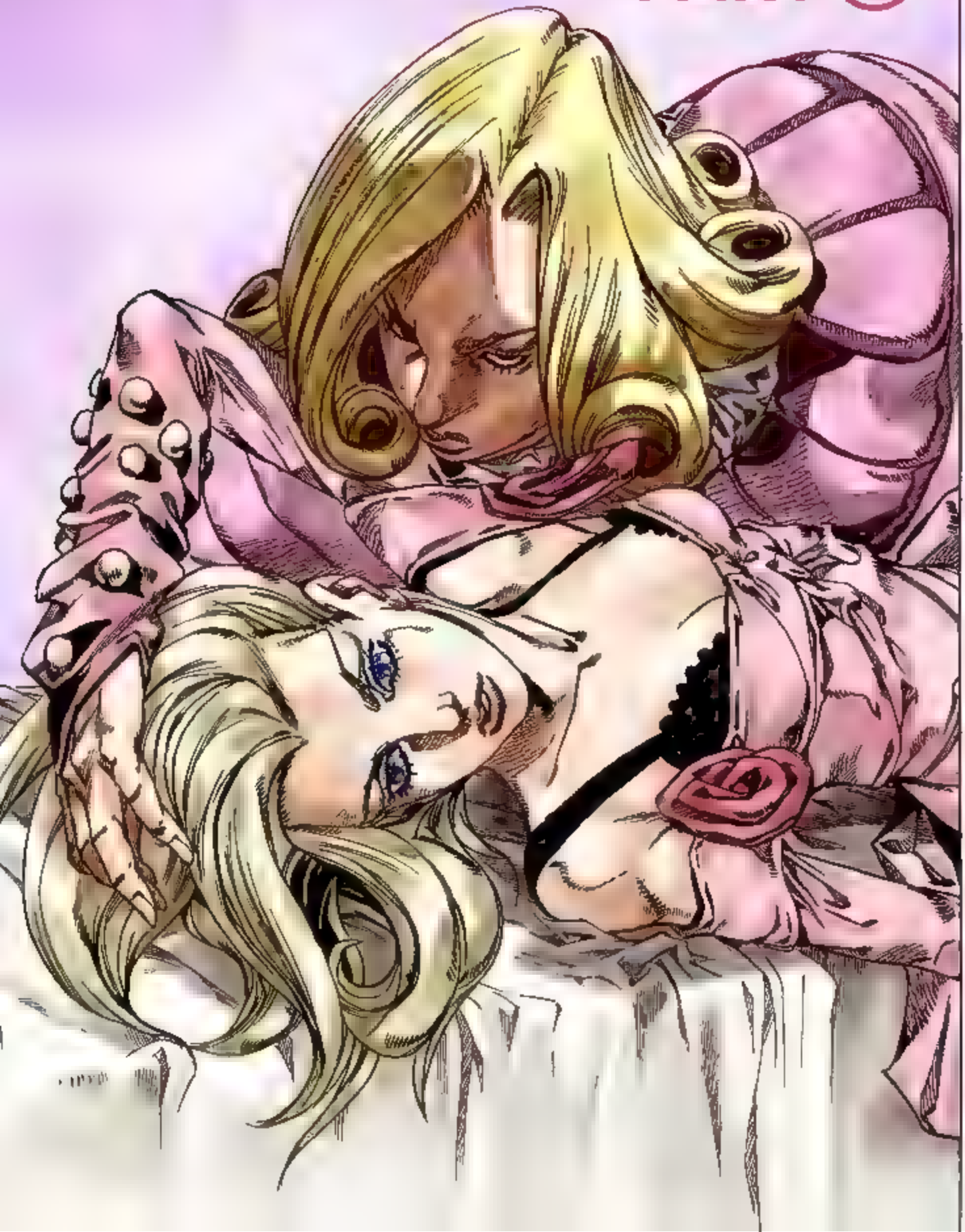
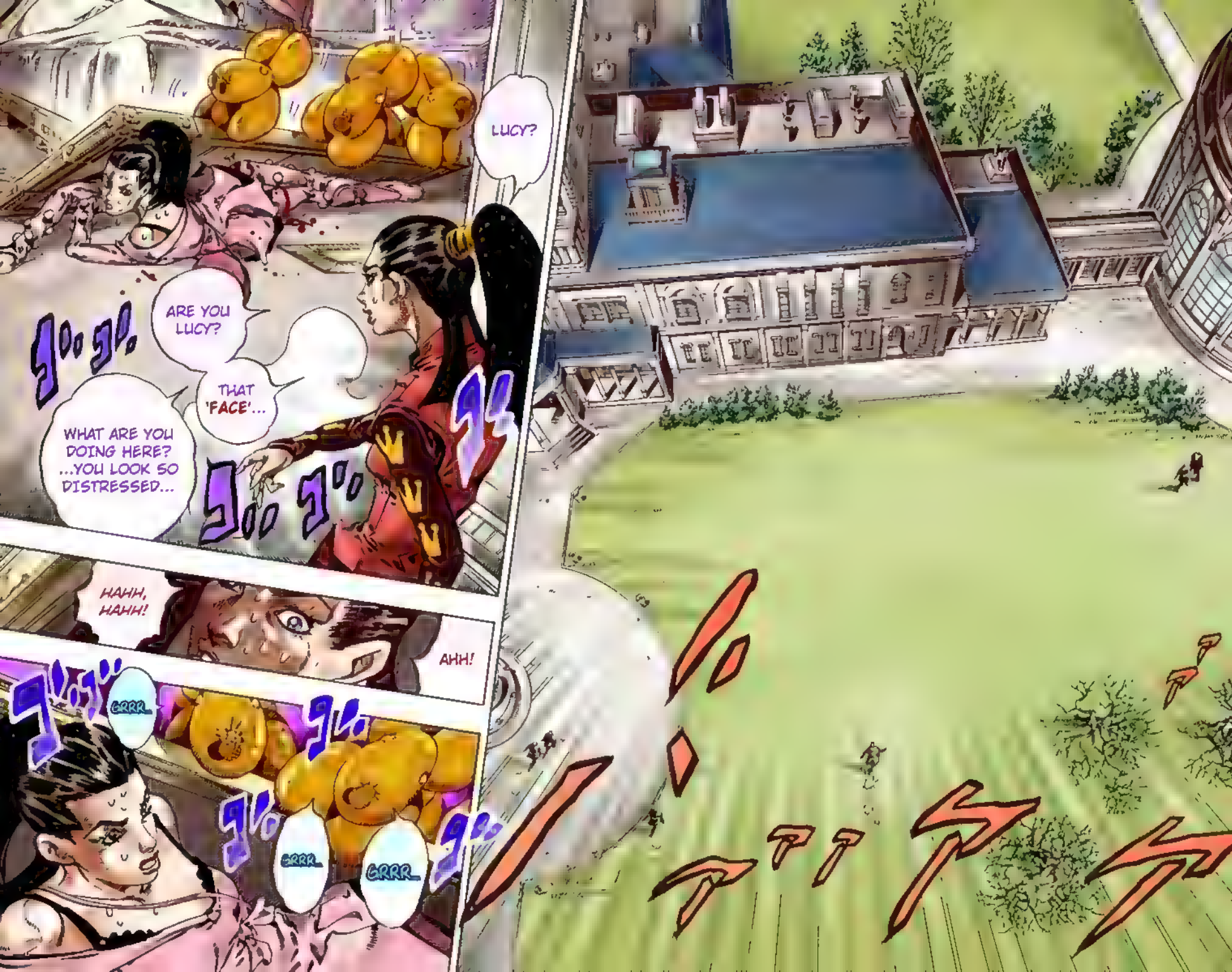
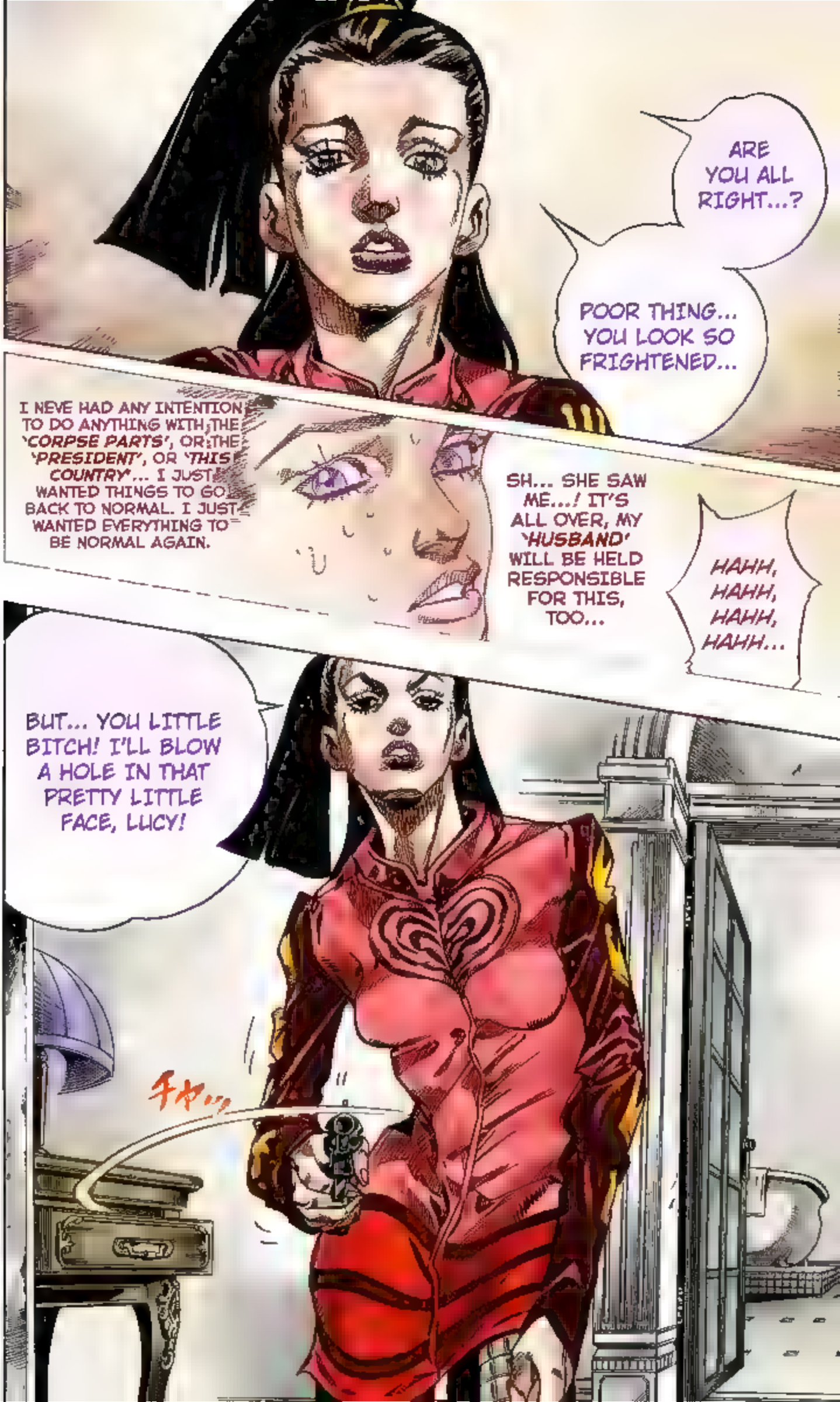
TUBULAR BELLS

PART ③




LUCY?
ARE YOU LUCY?
THAT 'FACE'...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? ...YOU LOOK SO DISTRESSED...
HAHH, HAHH!
AHH!
GRRR
GRRR
GRRR


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?
POOR THING... YOU LOOK SO FRIGHTENED...
I NEVE HAD ANY INTENTION TO DO ANYTHING WITH THE 'CORPSE PARTS', OR THE 'PRESIDENT', OR 'THIS COUNTRY'... I JUST WANTED THINGS TO GO BACK TO NORMAL. I JUST WANTED EVERYTHING TO BE NORMAL AGAIN.
SH... SHE SAW ME...! IT'S ALL OVER, MY 'HUSBAND' WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, TOO...
HAHH, HAHH, HAHH, HAHH...
BUT... YOU LITTLE BITCH! I'LL BLOW A HOLE IN THAT PRETTY LITTLE FACE, LUCY!
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SNIFF SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF SNIFF
MM...
NN...
AAAGHH HHHH!!
I WAS STARTING TO LOVE YOU...
I WAS GOING TO TAKE YOU UNDER MY WING AND LET YOU BE WITH ME FOREVER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, BUT YOU'RE A 'STAND USER'!
YOU USED ME TO GET IN HERE!
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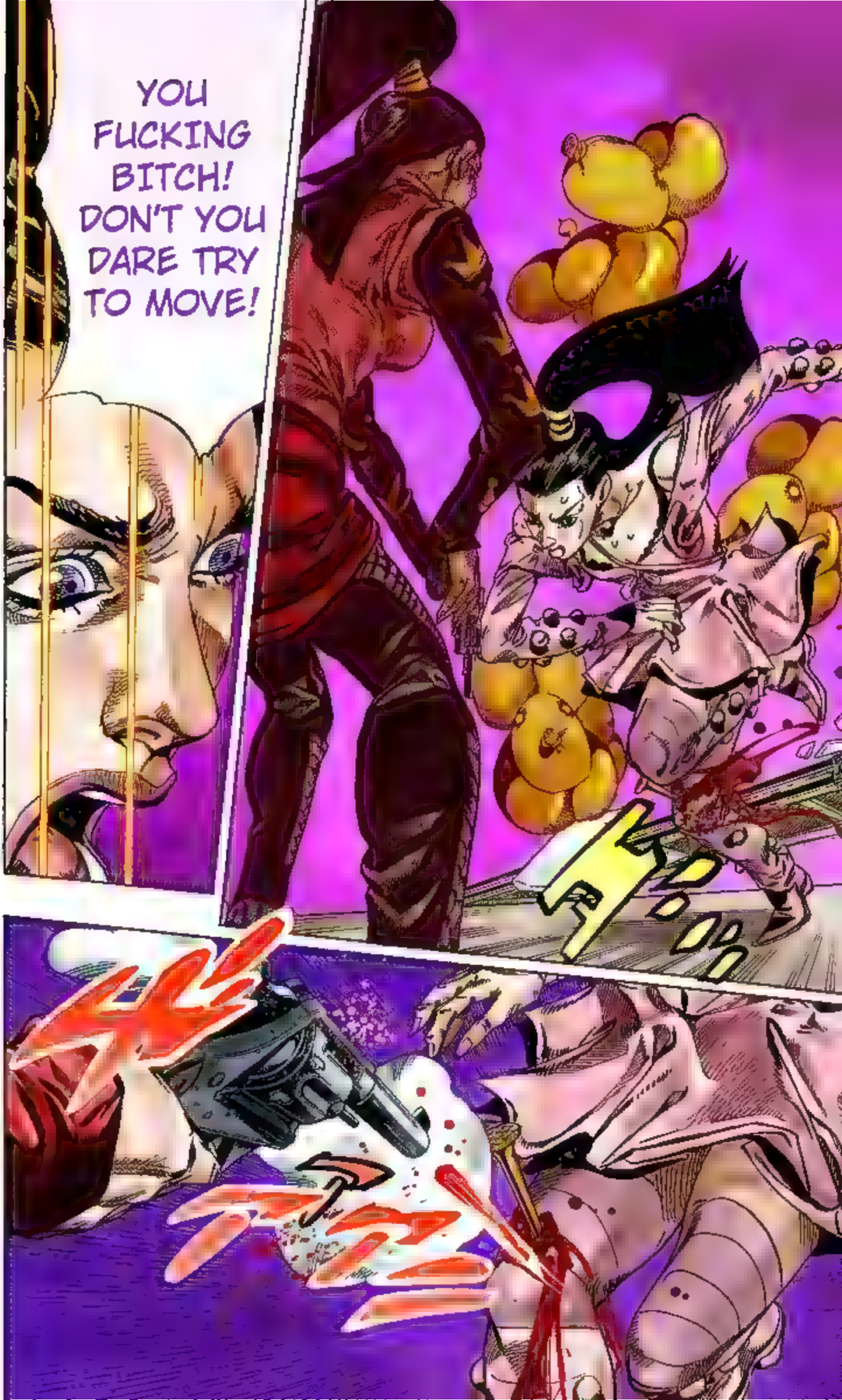
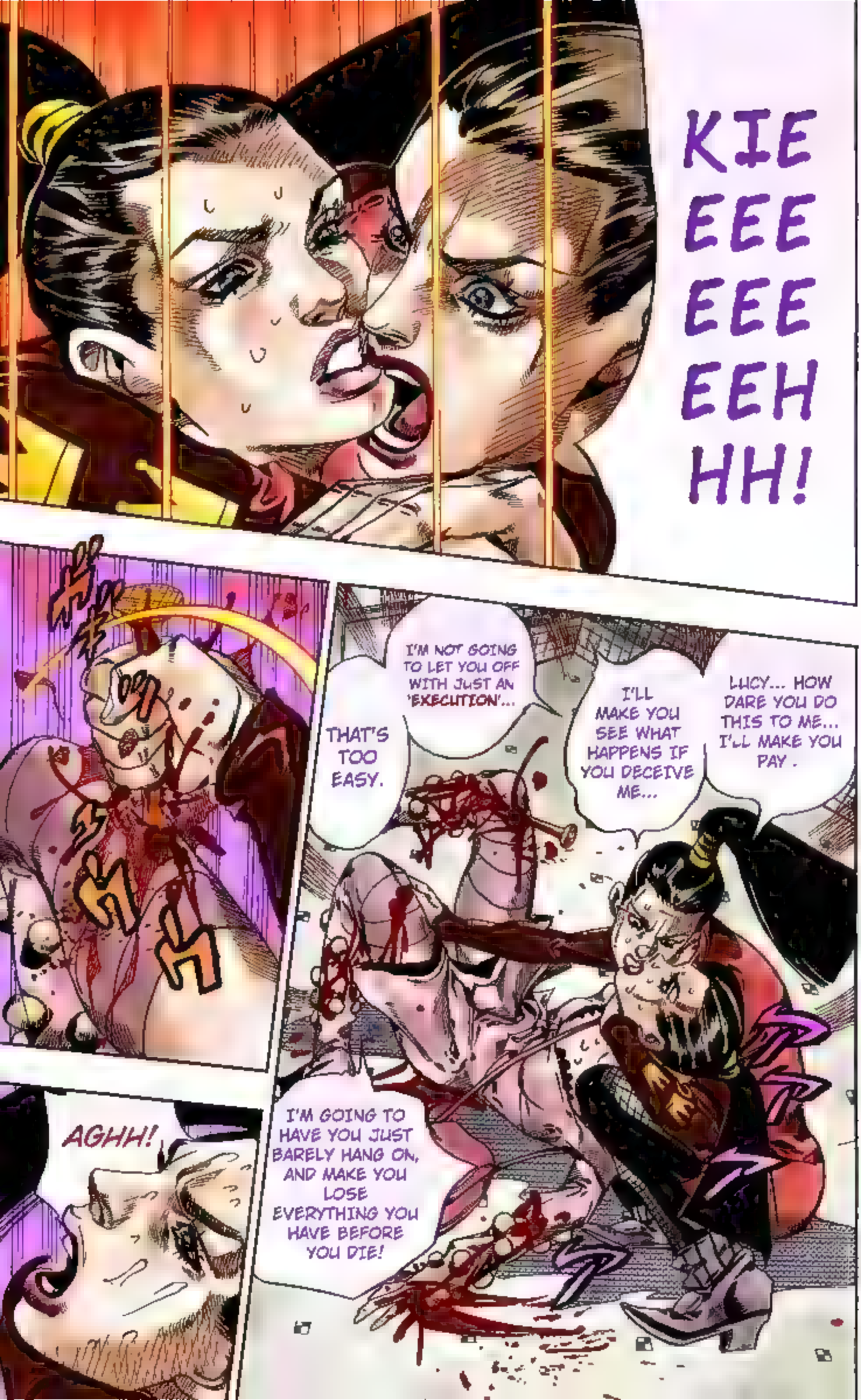
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE
I HEARD GUNFIRE!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THE NOISE IS COMING FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM . !
YOU LITTLE WHORE!
I'M GOING TO SCRAPE YOUR BREASTS OFF WITH MY BULLETS!
UH...
NN...
GRRR
GRRR


YOU FUCKING BITCH! DON'T YOU DARE TRY TO MOVE!
KRAK
AH!

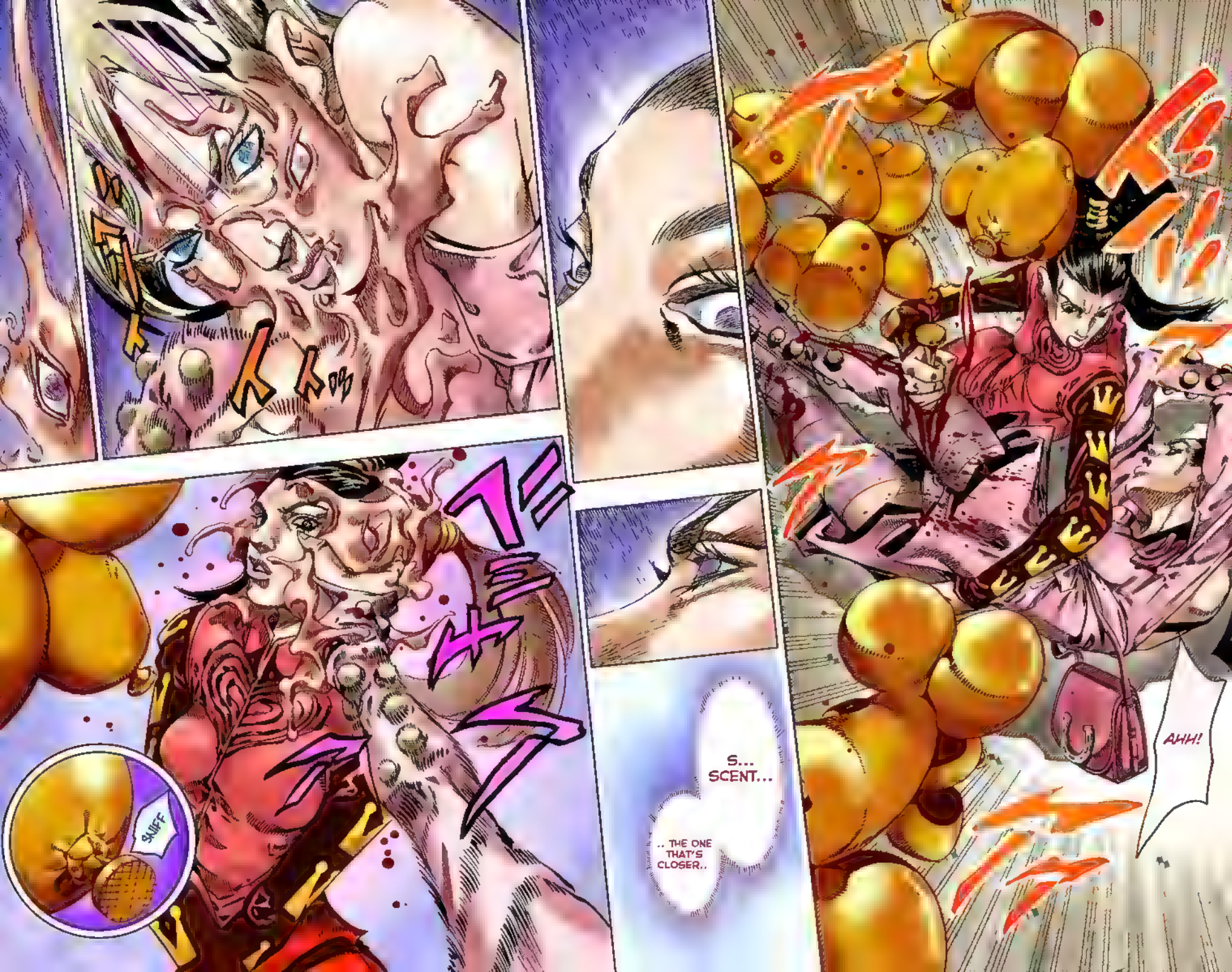
BIIITCH!
AGH!
UGH!

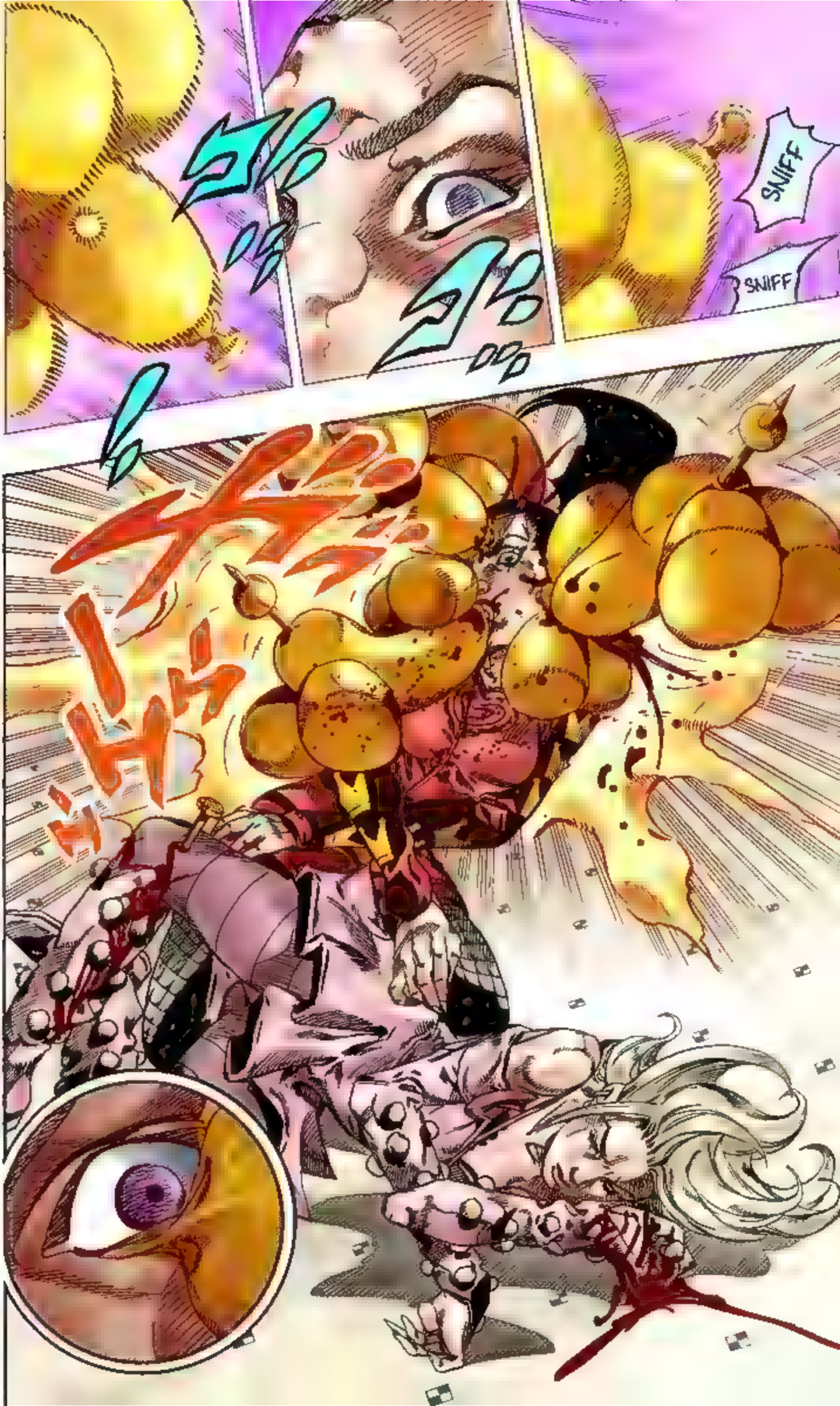
IT REMEMBERS THE INTRUDER'S SCENT!
IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY TRACK THE ENEMY...
IT . IT'S NO USE! IT'S BREAKING IN! IT WON'T STOP FOLLOWING ME!
UNTIL IT FINALLY BURSTS!
IT WON'T STOP FOLLOWING ME UNTIL IT LATCHES ON AND BURSTS!


KIEEEEEEEEHH!
LUCY... HOW DARE YOU DO THIS TO ME... I'LL MAKE YOU PAY.
I'LL MAKE YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DECEIVE ME...
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU OFF WITH JUST AN 'EXECUTION'...
THAT'S TOO EASY.
I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU JUST BARELY HANG ON, AND MAKE YOU LOSE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU DIE!
AGHH!

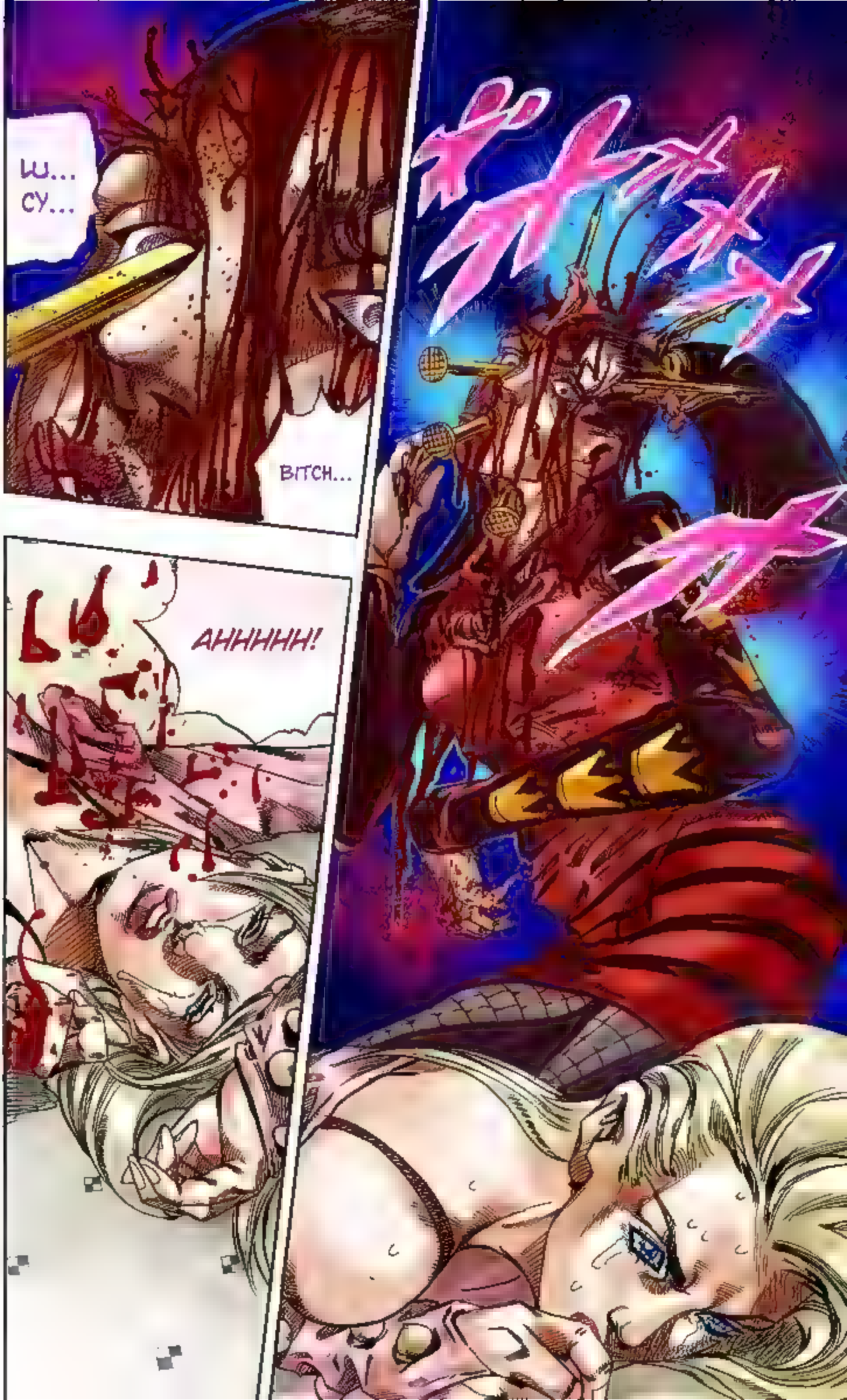
AGHH HHH!!
MR. PRESIDENT!
MR. PRESIDENT!
UHH..
.....
.....
.....

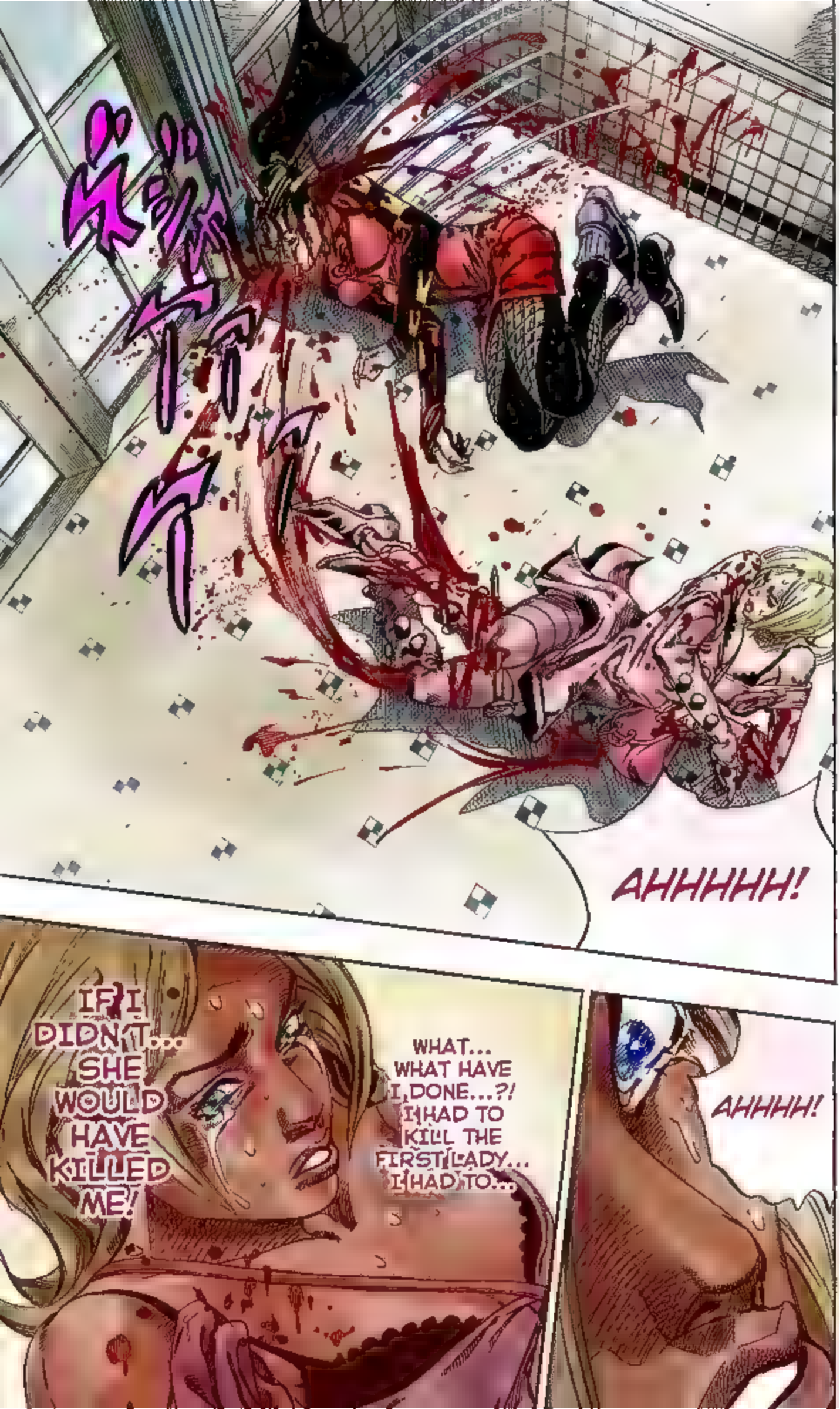
I'LL MAKE THESE 'DOGS'...
I'LL HAVE YOU GIVE ME THESE CUTE LEGS OF YOURS FIRST!
FEED ON THEM OUT OF MY HANDS!
RUFF!
SNIFF
SNIFF
AHHHHH!


AHH!
S... SCENT...
.. THE ONE THAT'S CLOSER..
SNIFF


SNIFF
SNIFF

AHHH!
AH!


SHH...
SU...
BITCH...
SHIK
AHHHHH!


AHHHHH!
IF I DIDN'T... SHE WOULD HAVE KILLED ME!
WHAT... WHAT HAVE I DONE...?! I HAD TO KILL THE FIRST LADY... I HAD TO...
AHHHH!

MR. PRESIDENT! THERE'S BEEN GUNFIRE!
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MY NAP
IT WAS COMING FROM THIS ROOM!
WHAT IS THIS COMMO-TION?
WHAT IS THIS?
?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
PRESI-DENT VALEN-TINE!
MR. PRESI-DENT!
HAHH, HAHH...
HAHH, HAHH...
THERE WAS AN INTRUDER IN THE ROOM!

AHHH!
AHHH!
TUG
TUG
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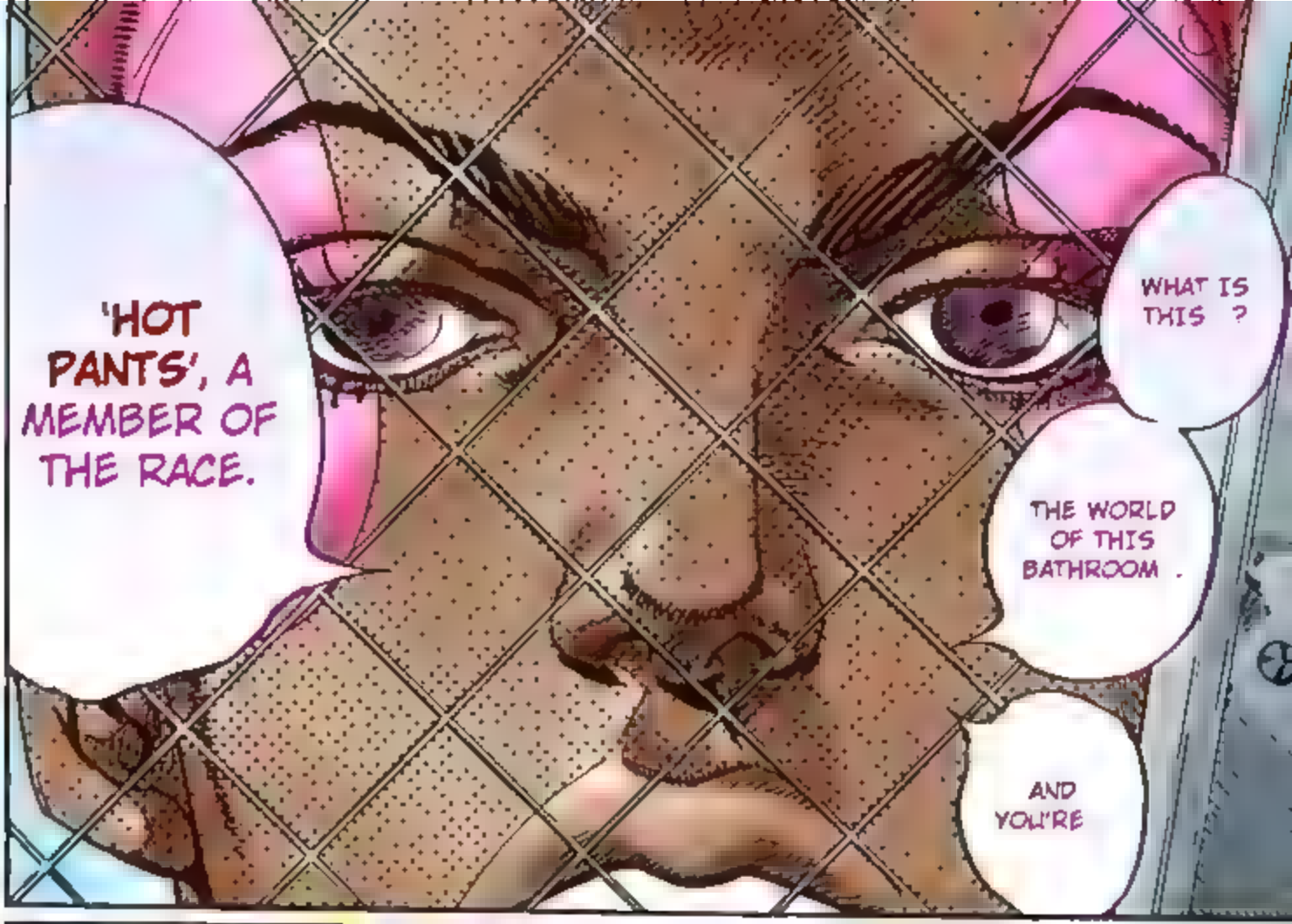
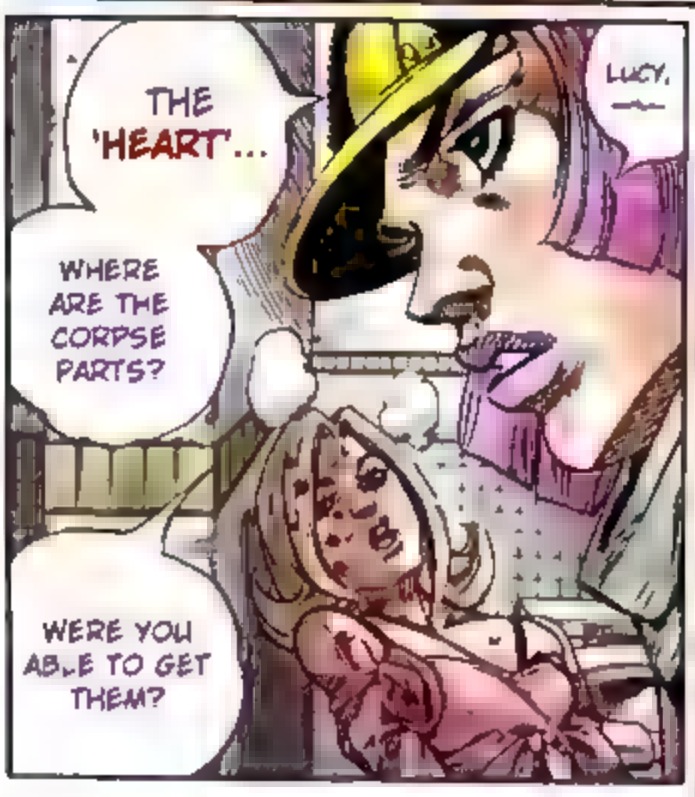
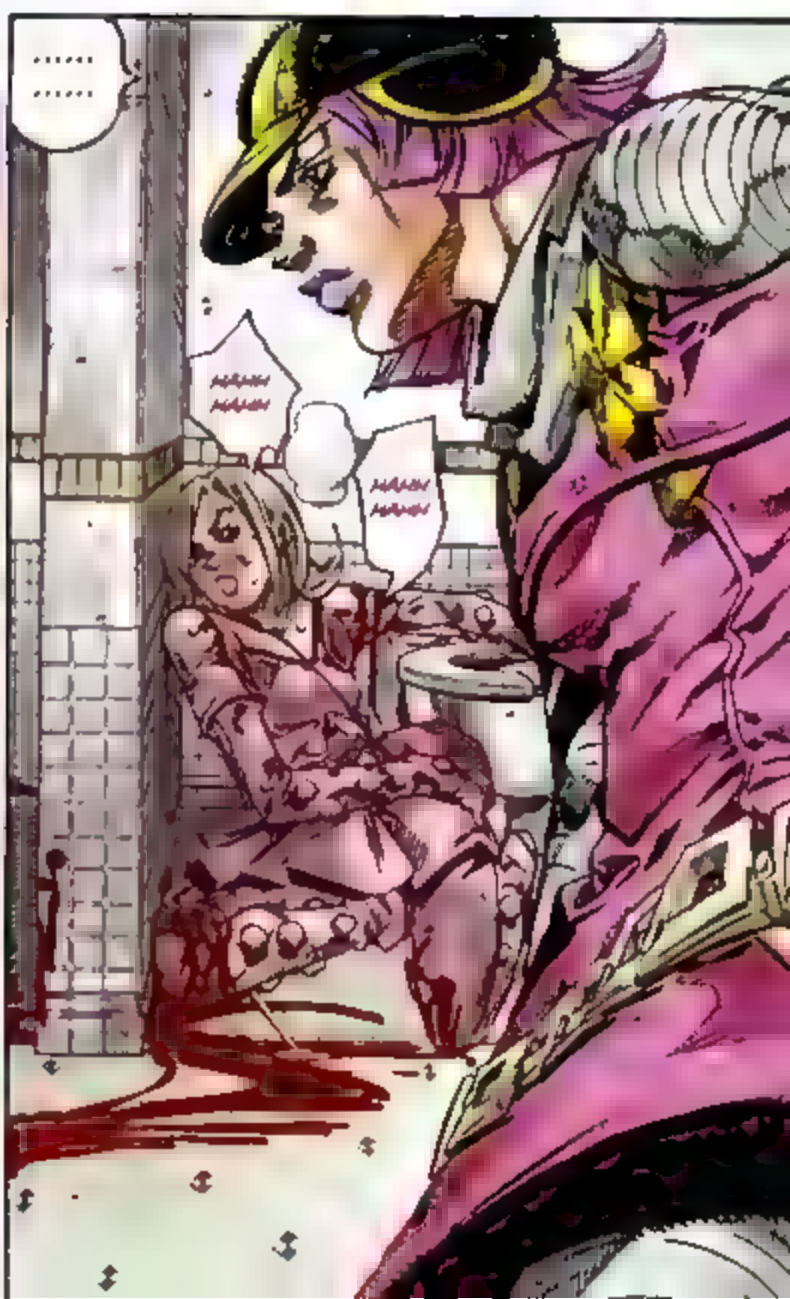

'HOT PANTS', A MEMBER OF THE RACE.
WHAT IS THIS ?
THE WORLD OF THIS BATHROOM .
AND YOU'RE


THE 'HEART'...
LUCY,
WHERE ARE THE CORPSE PARTS?
WERE YOU ABLE TO GET THEM?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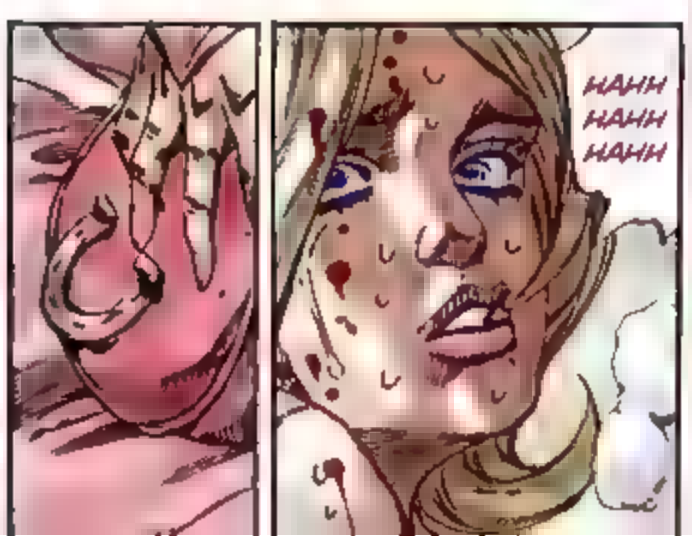
HAHH HAHH
HAHH HAHH


HAHH HAHH HAHH

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I HAVE ALL THREE OF THEM!
I BROUGHT THEM ALONG IN MY BAG...
BUT IT WASN'T JUST THE 'HEART'...
THE 'RIGHT ARM' AND 'BOTH EARS'.
THERE WERE 'THREE' CORPSE PARTS...
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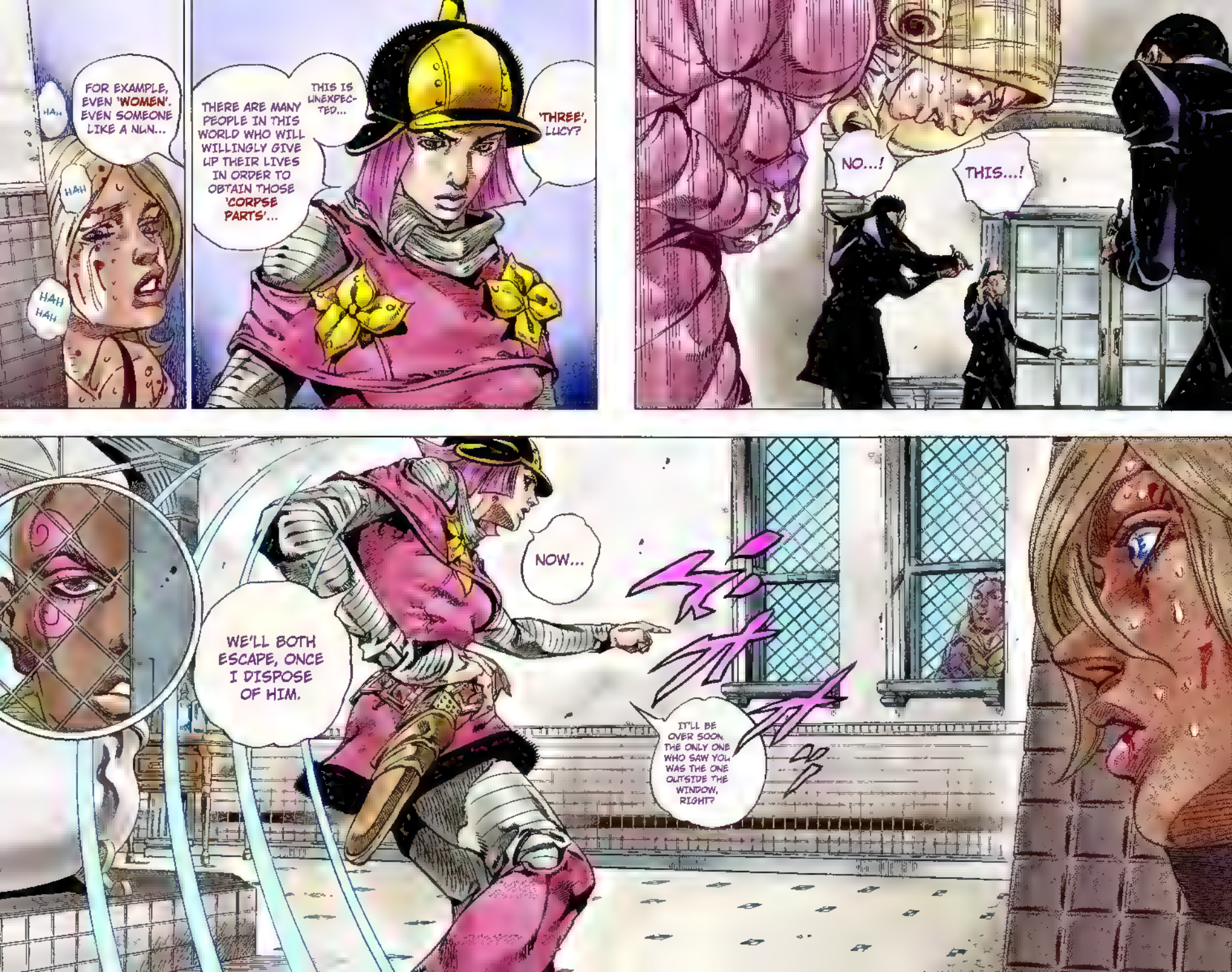
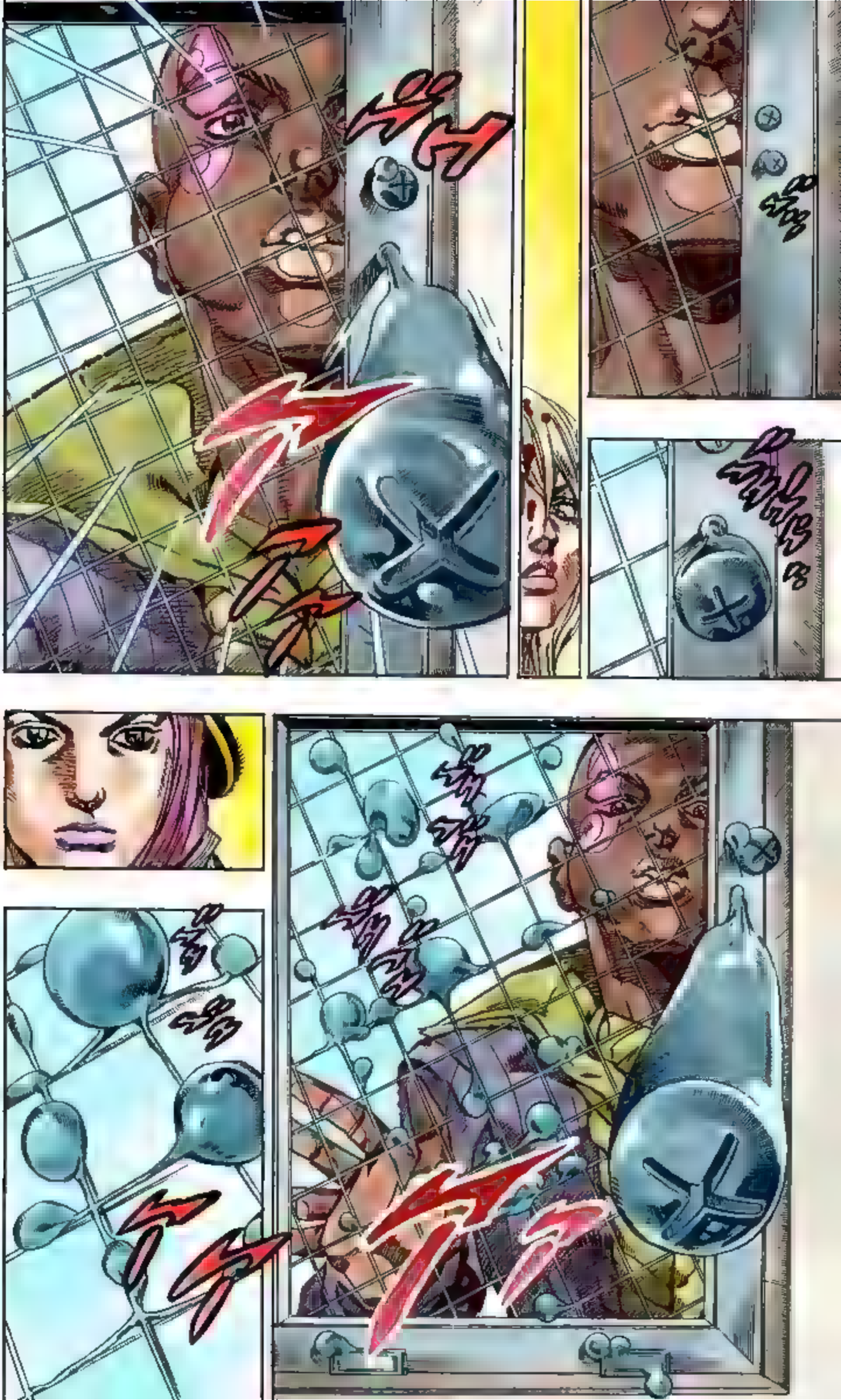
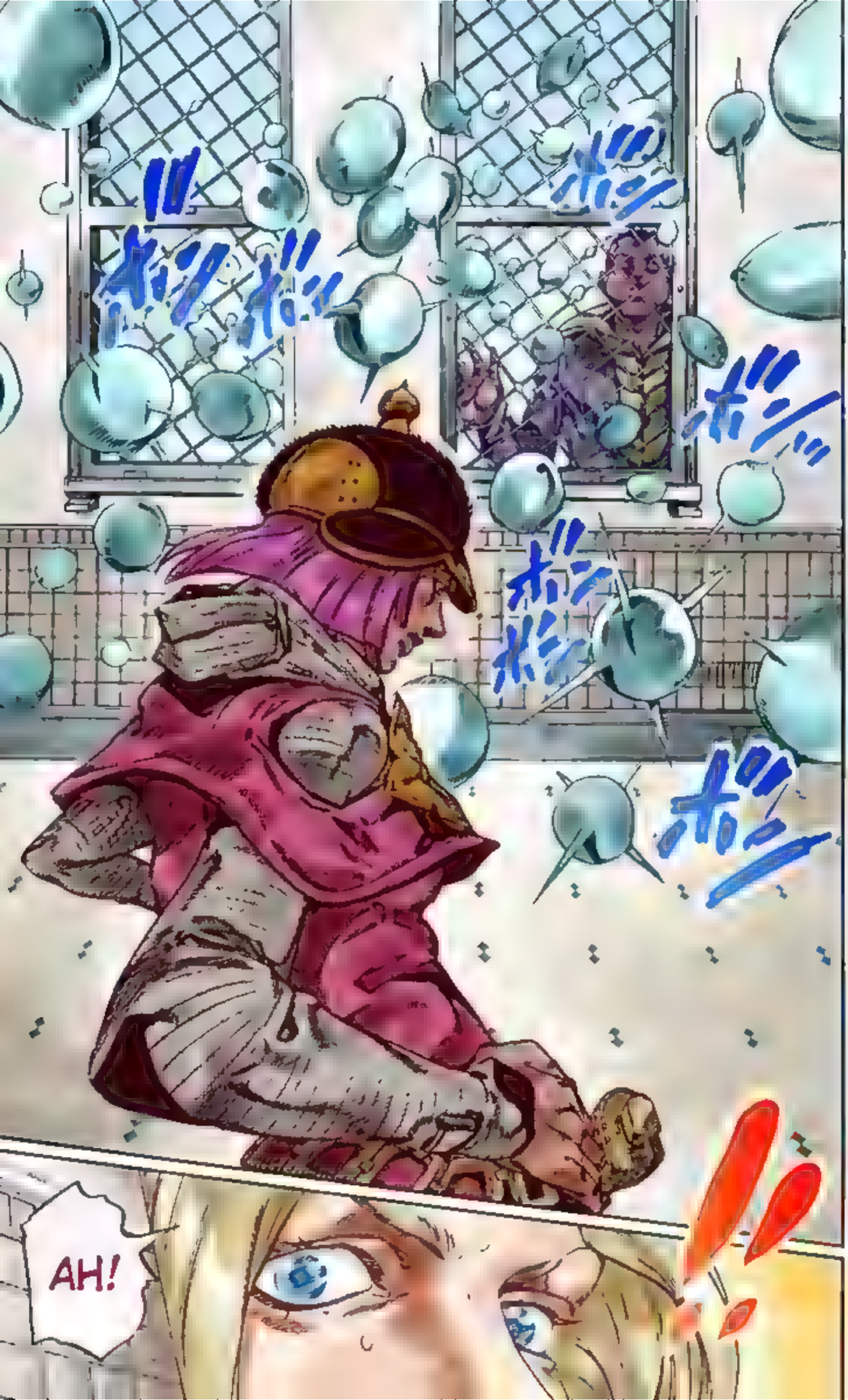
WHAT ..?!
IT CAN'T BE...
THIS...
THIS FEELING...!


HA..
FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN 'WOMEN'. EVEN SOMEONE LIKE A NUN...
HAH
HAH HAH
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO WILL WILLINGLY GIVE UP THEIR LIVES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THOSE 'CORPSE PARTS'...
THIS IS UNEXPEC-TED...
'THREE', LUCY?
NO...!
THIS...!
NOW...
WE'LL BOTH ESCAPE, ONCE I DISPOSE OF HIM.
IT'LL BE OVER SOON. THE ONLY ONE WHO SAW YOU WAS THE ONE OUTSIDE THE WINDOW, RIGHT?

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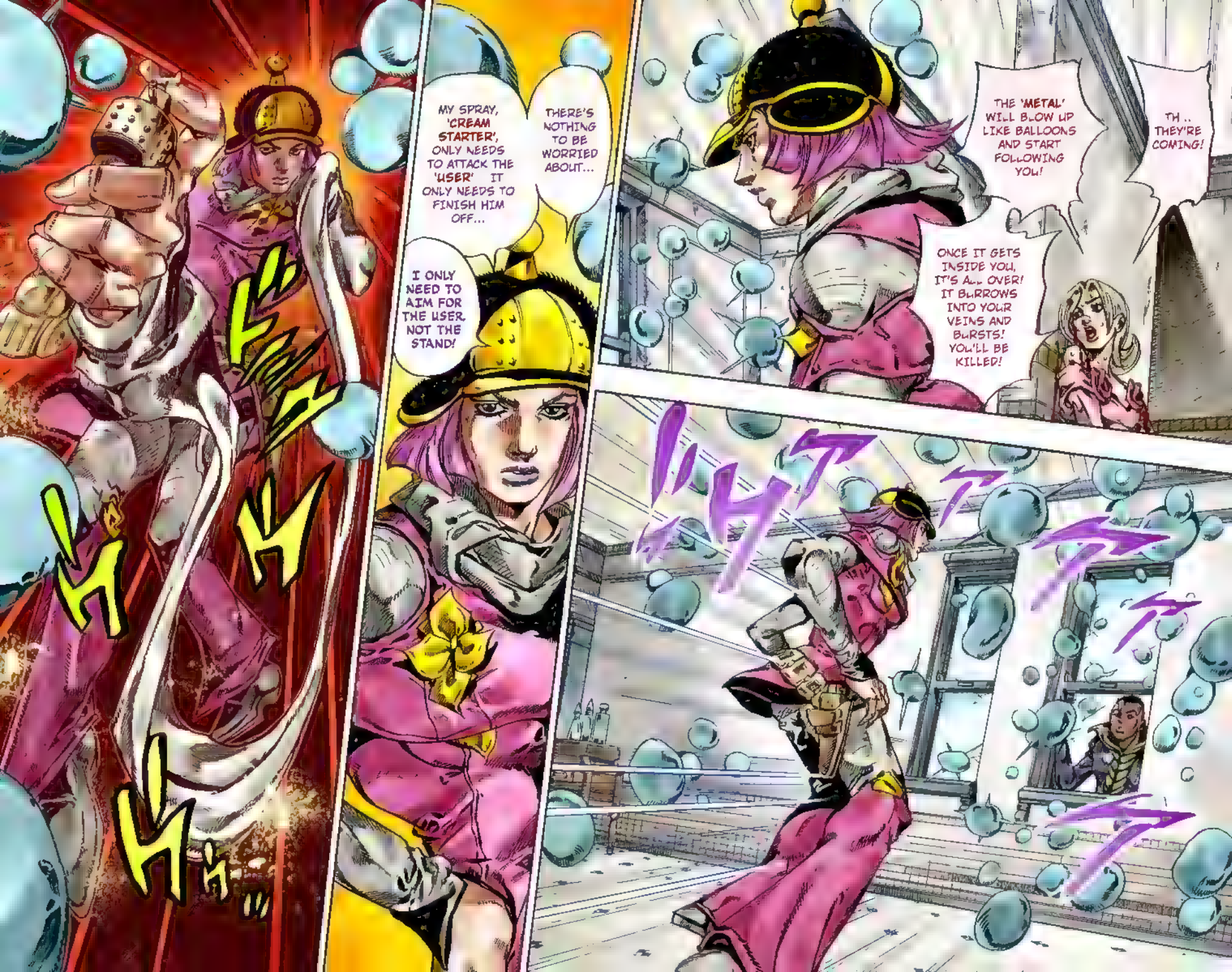
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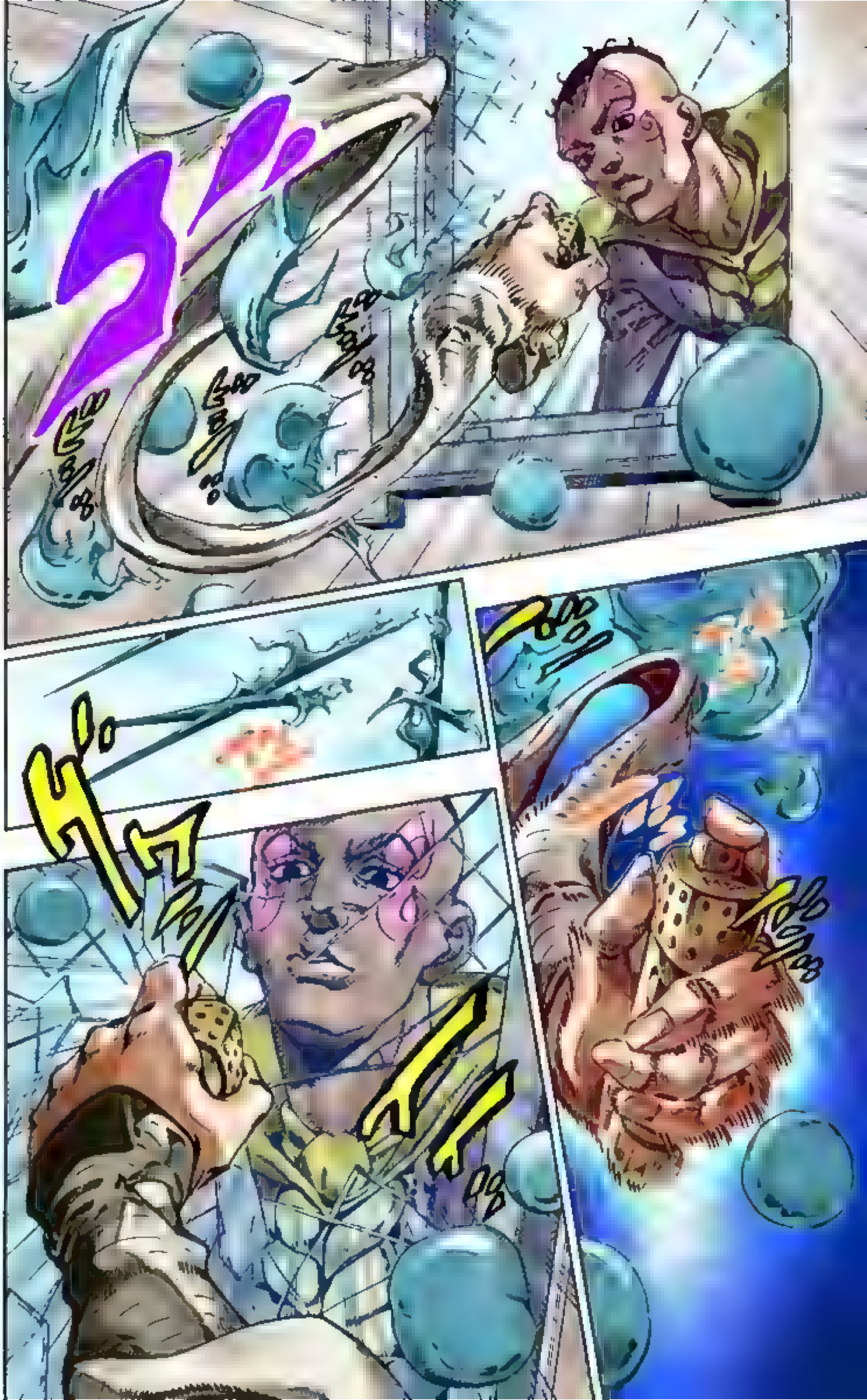
MY SPRAY, 'CREAM STARTER', ONLY NEEDS TO ATTACK THE 'USER' IT ONLY NEEDS TO FINISH HIM OFF...
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT...
I ONLY NEED TO AIM FOR THE USER NOT THE STAND!
THE 'METAL' WILL BLOW UP LIKE BALLOONS AND START FOLLOWING YOU!
TH.. THEY'RE COMING!
ONCE IT GETS INSIDE YOU, IT'S ALL OVER! IT BURROWS INTO YOUR VEINS AND BURSTS! YOU'LL BE KILLED!
HIT



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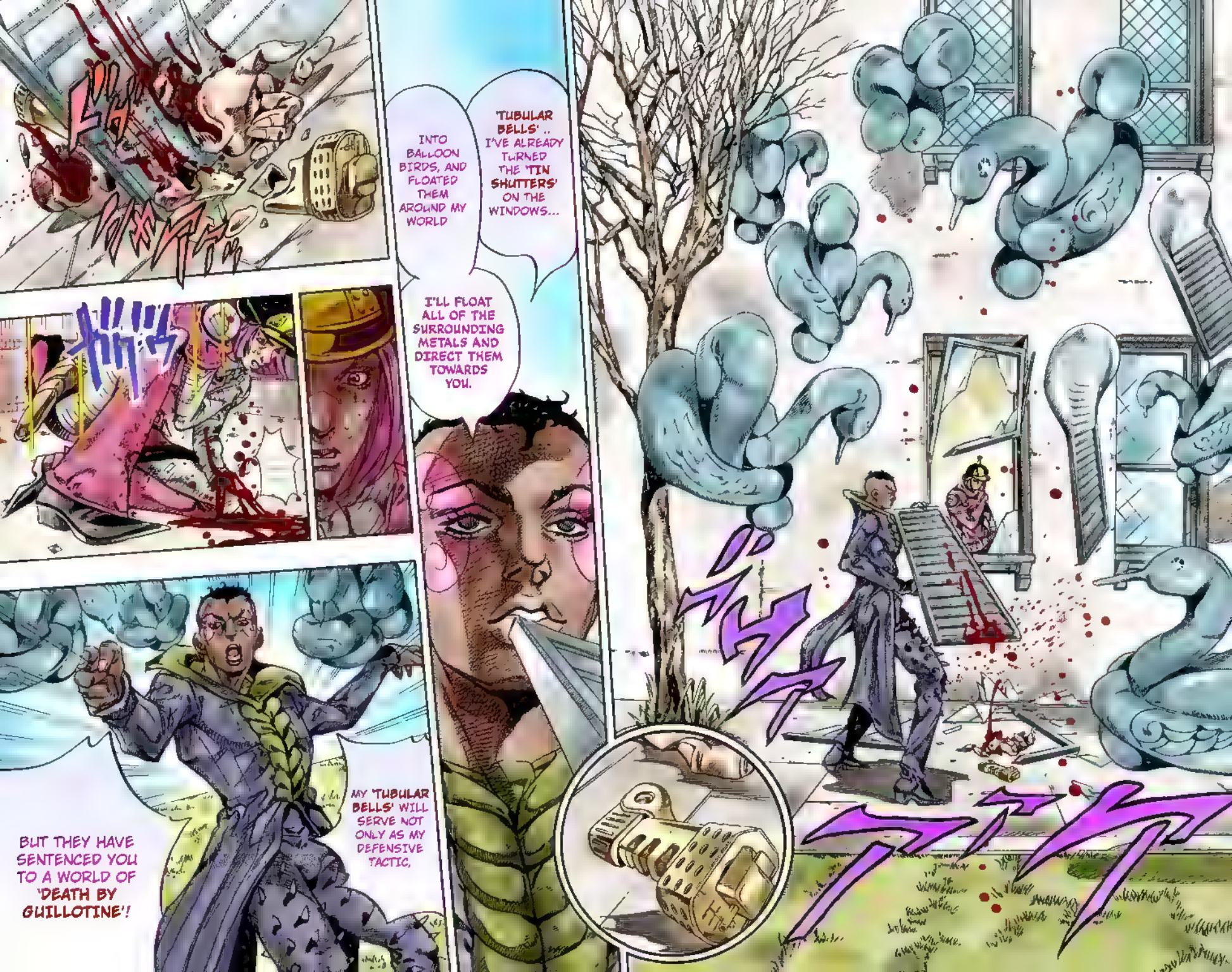
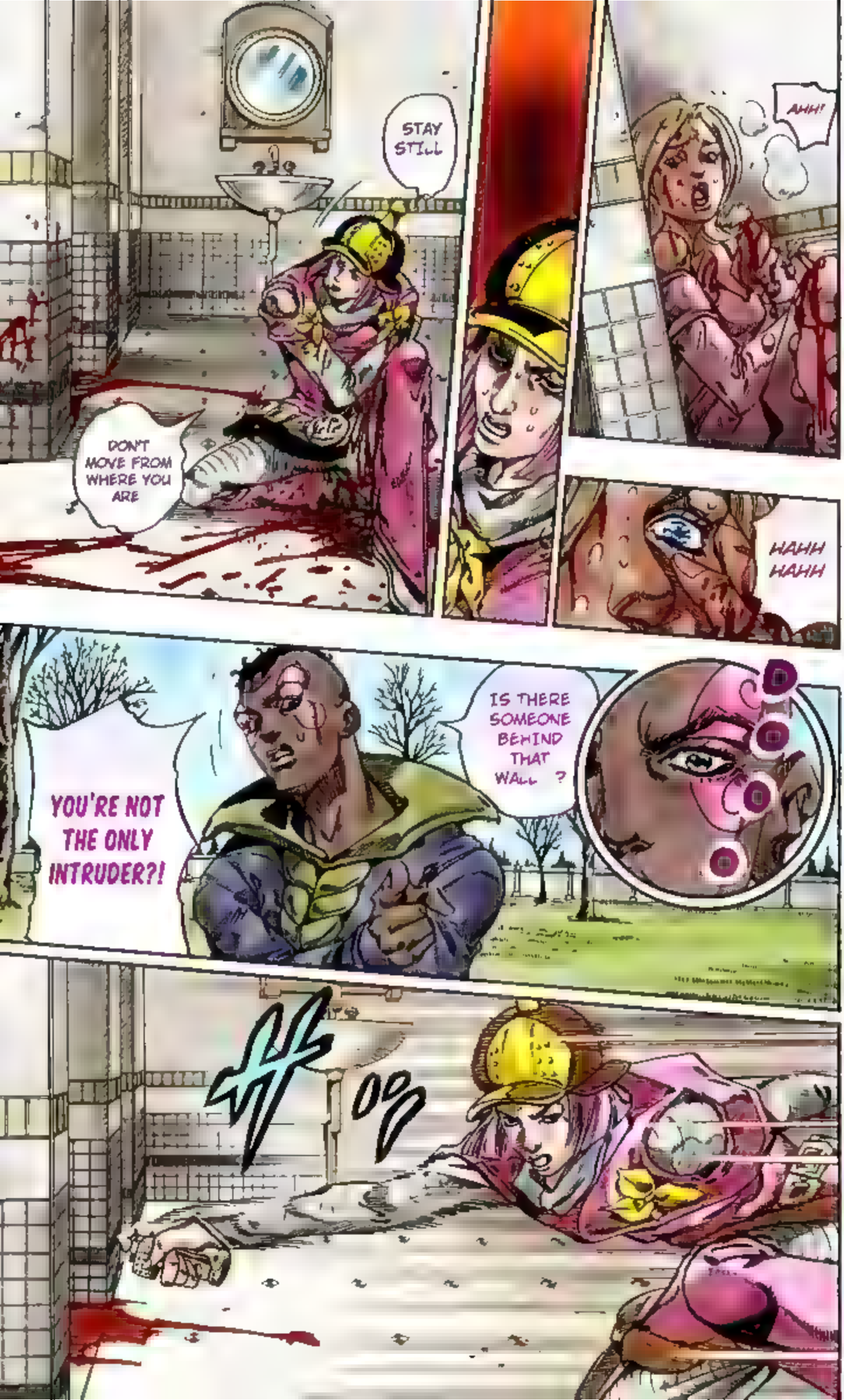

'TUBULAR BELLS'.. I'VE ALREADY TURNED THE 'TIN SHUTTERS' ON THE WINDOWS...
INTO BALLOON BIRDS, AND FLOATED THEM AROUND MY WORLD
I'LL FLOAT ALL OF THE SURROUNDING METALS AND DIRECT THEM TOWARDS YOU.
MY 'TUBULAR BELLS' WILL SERVE NOT ONLY AS MY DEFENSIVE TACTIC,
BUT THEY HAVE SENTENCED YOU TO A WORLD OF 'DEATH BY GUILLOTINE'!

THIS IS A WORLD IN WHICH YOU WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN .. I'LL CAPTURE YOU AND TORTURE YOU SLOWLY, SO THAT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY WILL LEARN NEVER TO INTERFERE WITH US, I WILL BE PUTTING YOU IN A WORLD OF TERROR!
HOW DARE YOU INVADE THIS TERRITORY...
DO YOU, HOT PANTS, HAVE AN ABILITY THAT ALLOWS YOU TO MELT YOUR BODY ?
YOU'VE PUT ME IN A WORLD WHERE MY NAME AS THE PRESIDENT'S GUARD HAS BEEN SOILED


STAY STILL
AHH!
DON'T MOVE FROM WHERE YOU ARE
HAHH HAHH
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY INTRUDER?!
IS THERE SOMEONE BEHIND THAT WALL ?
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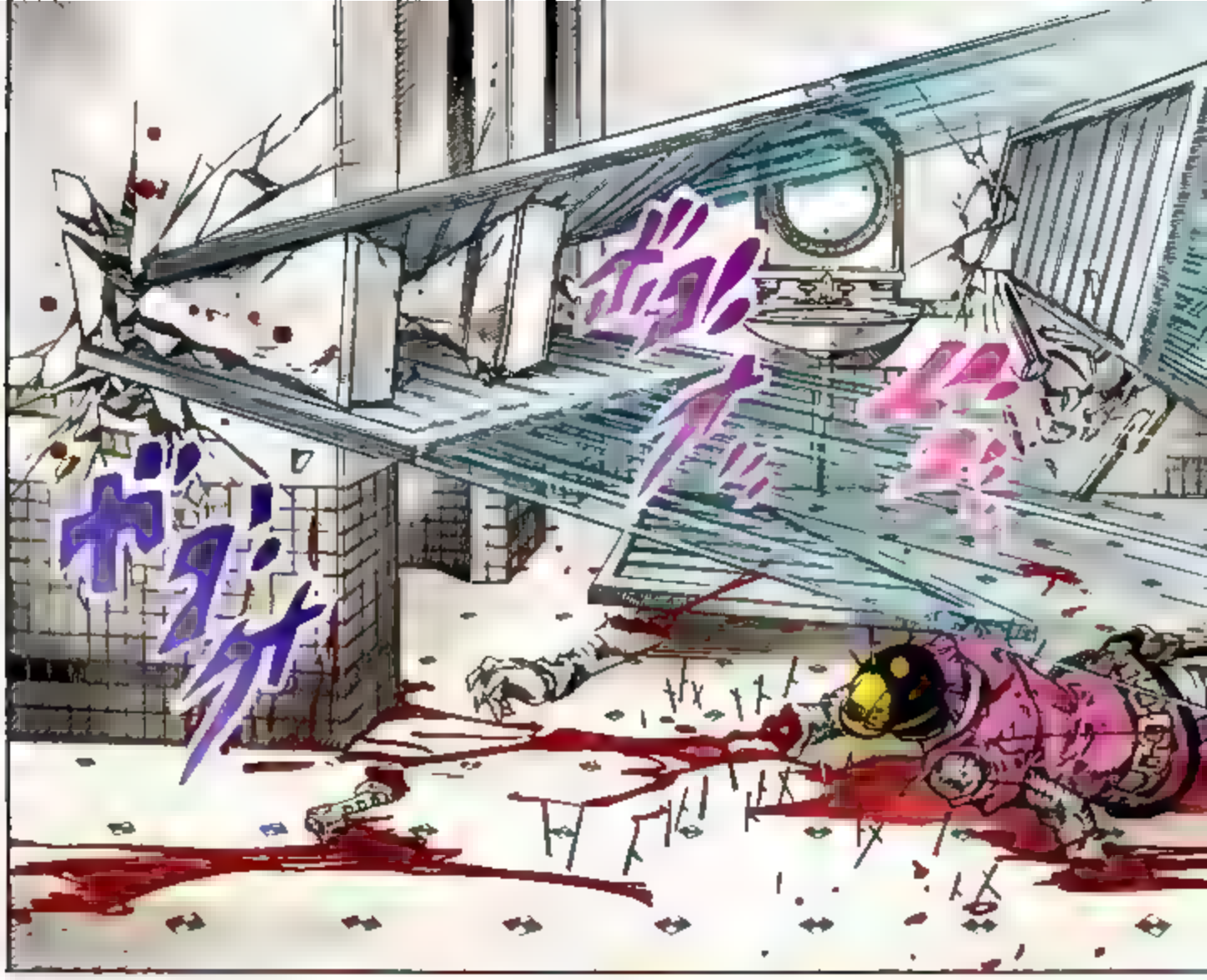
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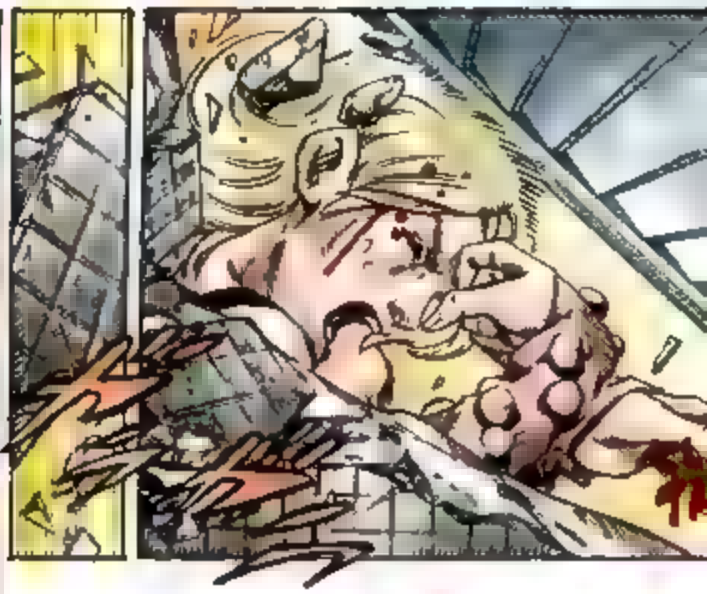

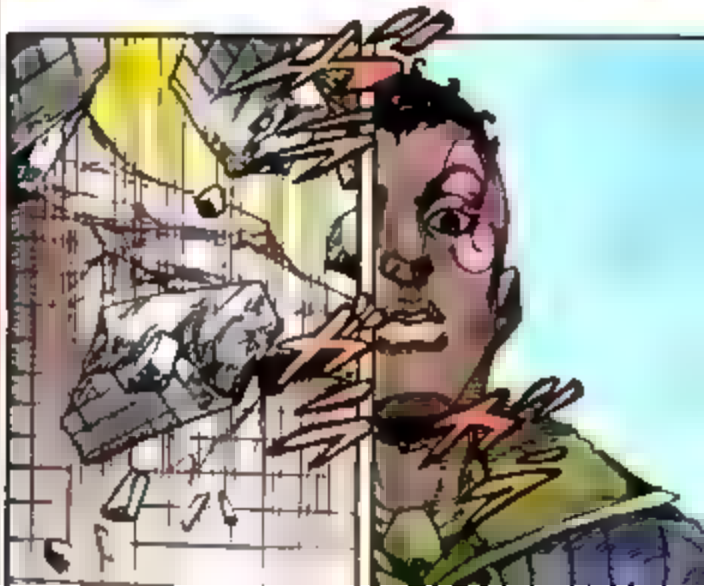

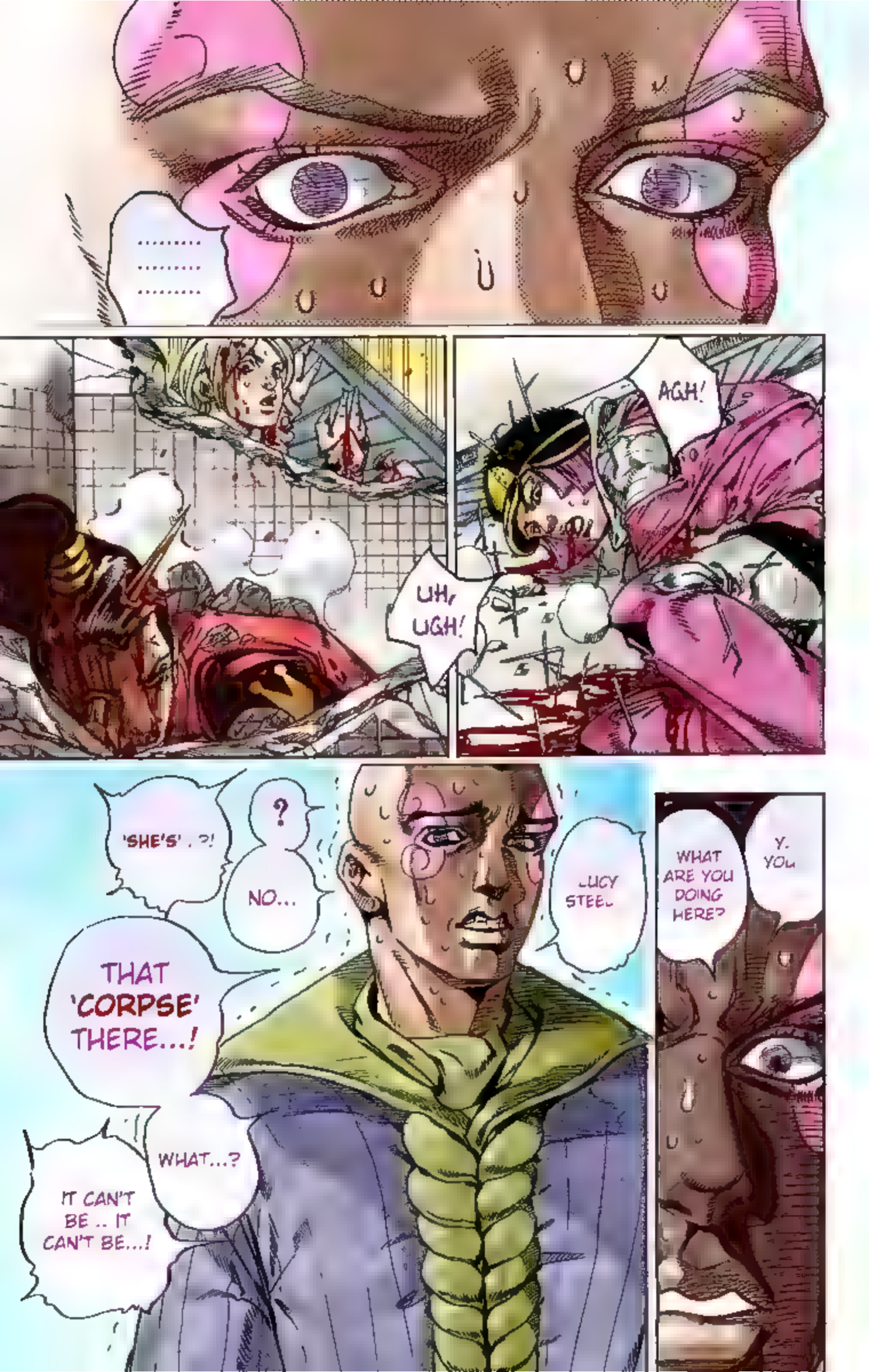
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UH, UGH!
AGH!
'SHE'S' . ?!
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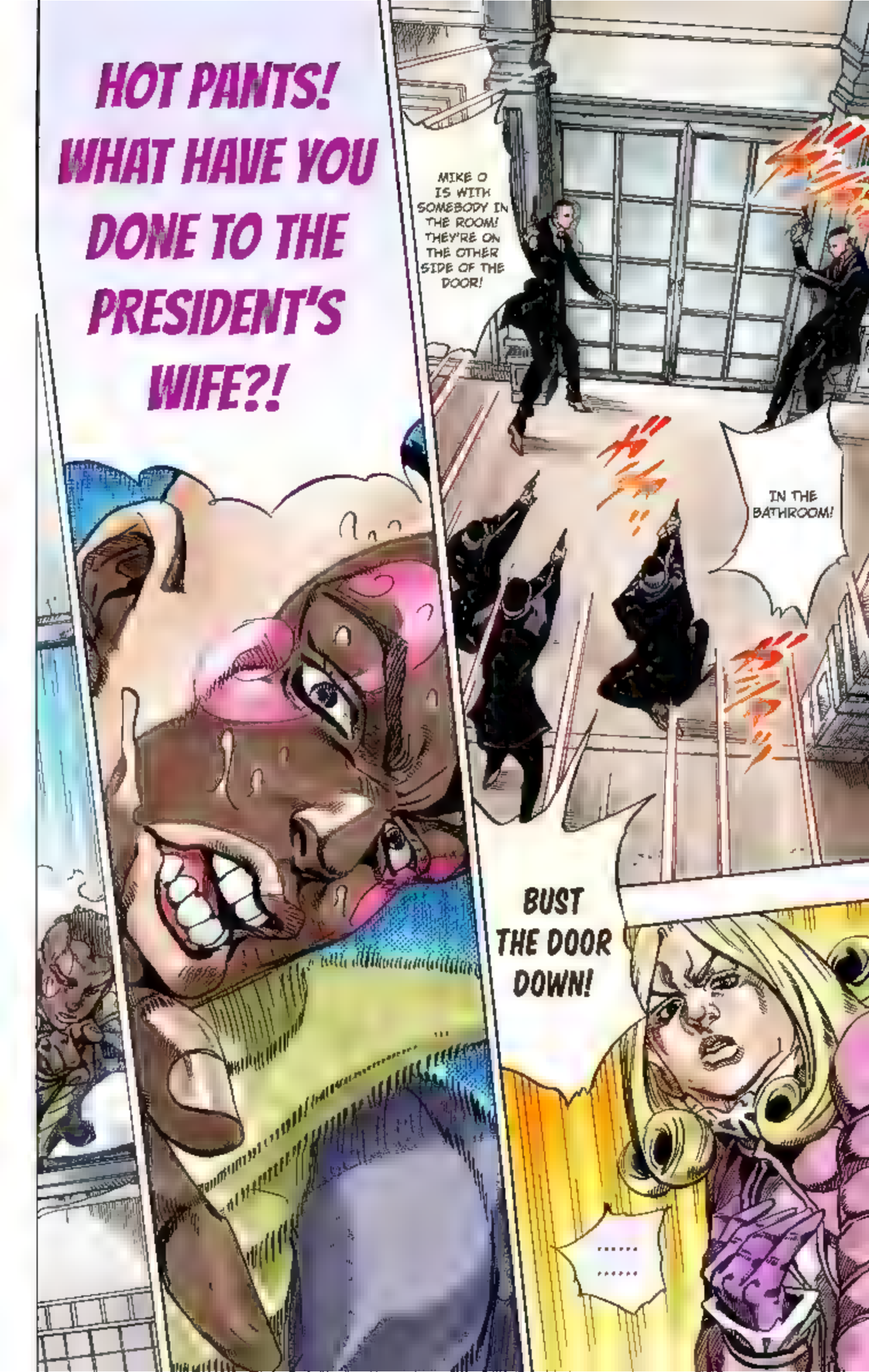
NO...
THAT 'CORPSE' THERE...!
WHAT...?
IT CAN'T BE .. IT CAN'T BE...!
LUCY STEEL
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
Y. YOU


HOT PANTS! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE?!
MIKE O IS WITH SOMEBODY IN THE ROOM! THEY'RE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR!
IN THE BATHROOM!
BUST THE DOOR DOWN!
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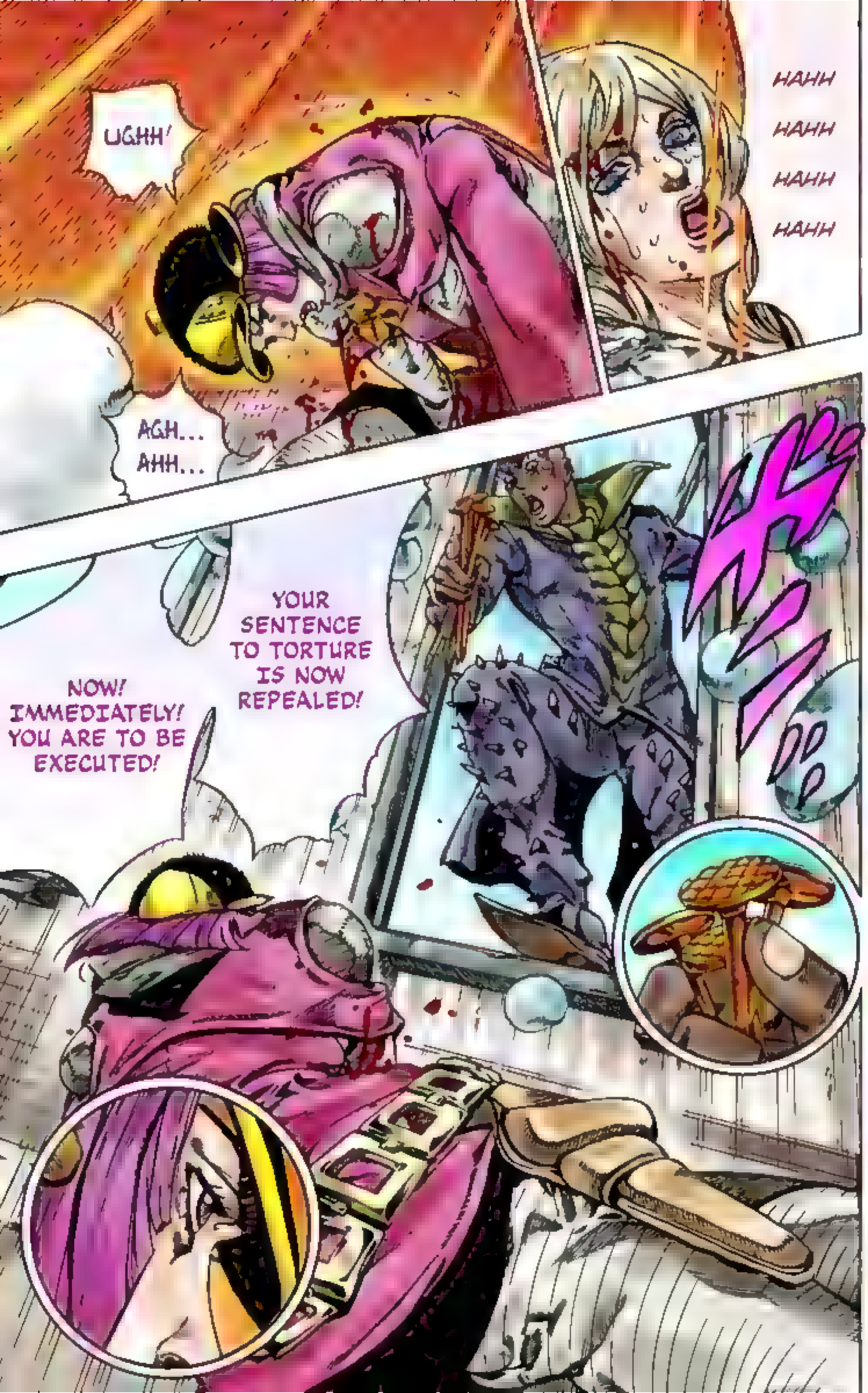
UGHH!
AGH...
AHH...
HAHH
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HAHH
YOUR SENTENCE TO TORTURE IS NOW REPEALED!
NOW! IMMEDIATELY! YOU ARE TO BE EXECUTED!

GUH
GUH
!?
AGHHH!
AGH' GUH, GUH'
!?
WHA

THE PARTS OF MY 'LEFT ARM' THAT SCATTERED..
MY BODY'S BEEN SPRAYED WITH MY STAND
MY ATTACK TO YOU HAS BEEN OVER FOR A WHILE NOW.
STOP...
YOU'LL EVENTUALLY LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS, AND 'DIE' LIKE THAT...
AGH
GUH
THE MORE YOU TRY TO BLOW SOMETHING UP,
YOU YOURSELF WILL INFLATE. IT'S OVER THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO DIE SHAMEFULLY JUST DIE PEACEFULLY, AS YOU ARE
I DIDN'T SOIL YOUR GOOD NAME...
I SOILED YOUR FACE WITH MY 'MEAT SPRAY'. THE PARTS OF MY LEFT ARM HAVE INFILTRATED YOUR OWN FLESH AND ARE NOW IN YOUR THROAT AND YOUR LUNGS.
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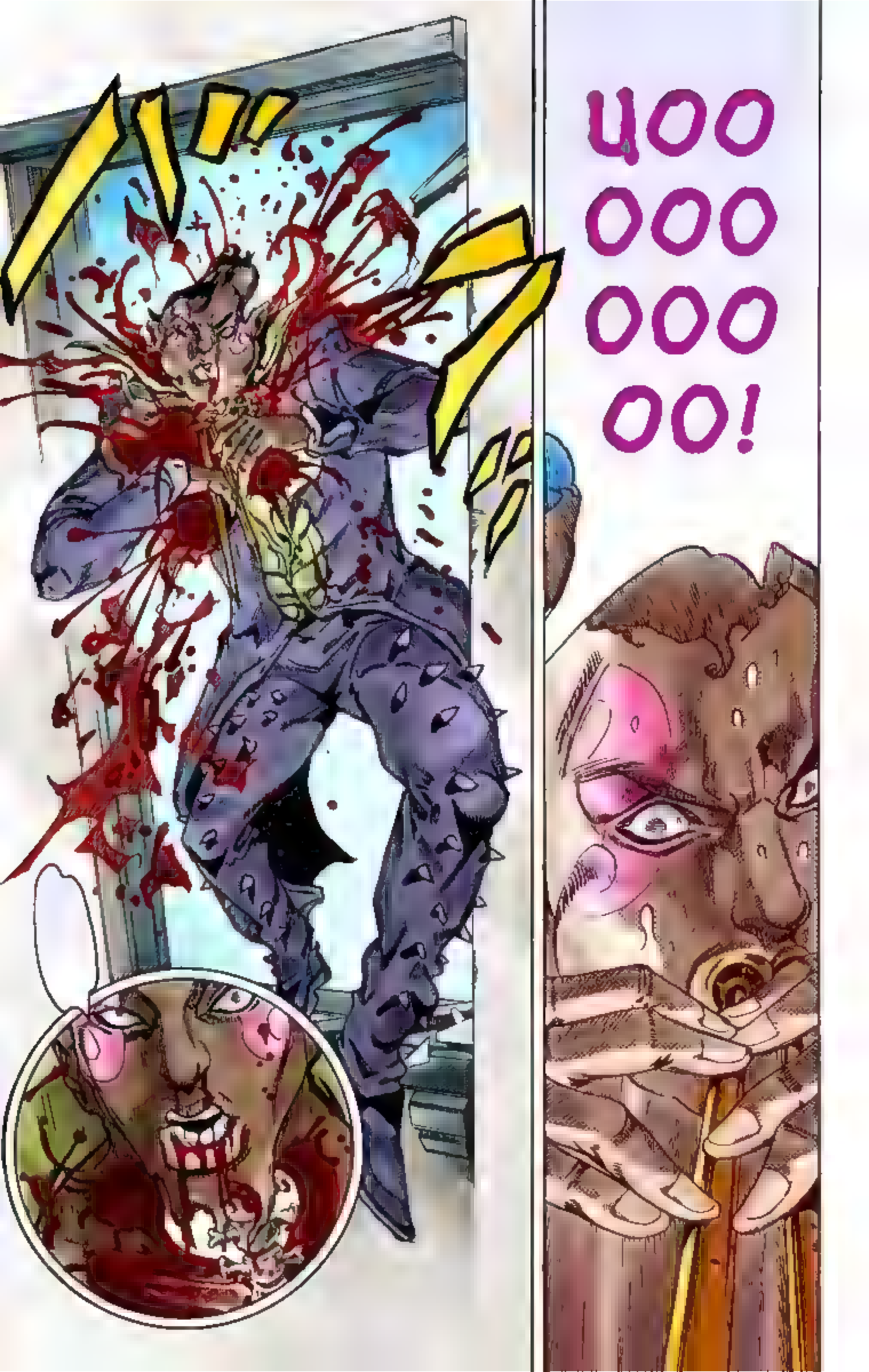
AGH!
KUH
GUH'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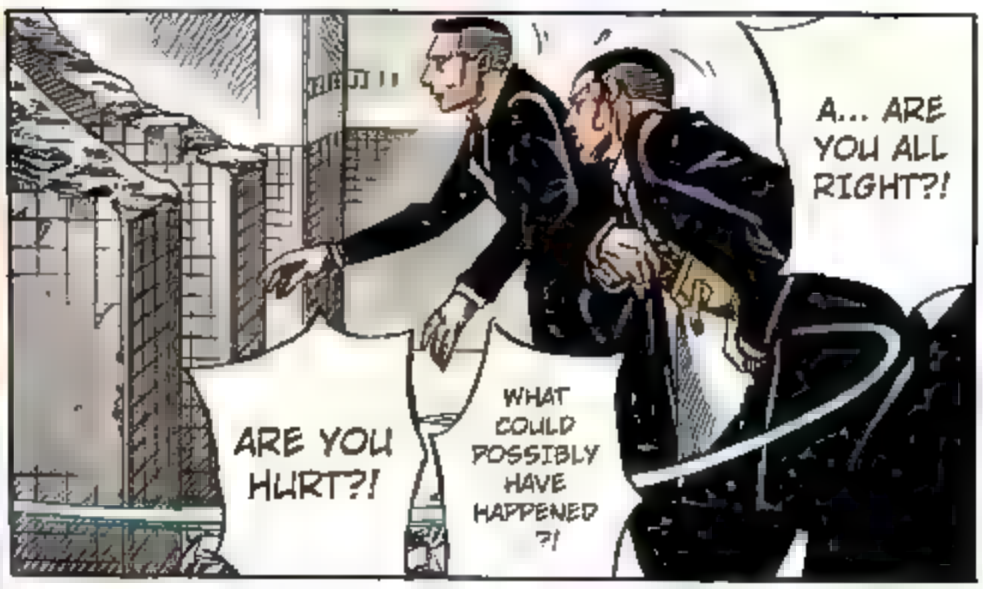
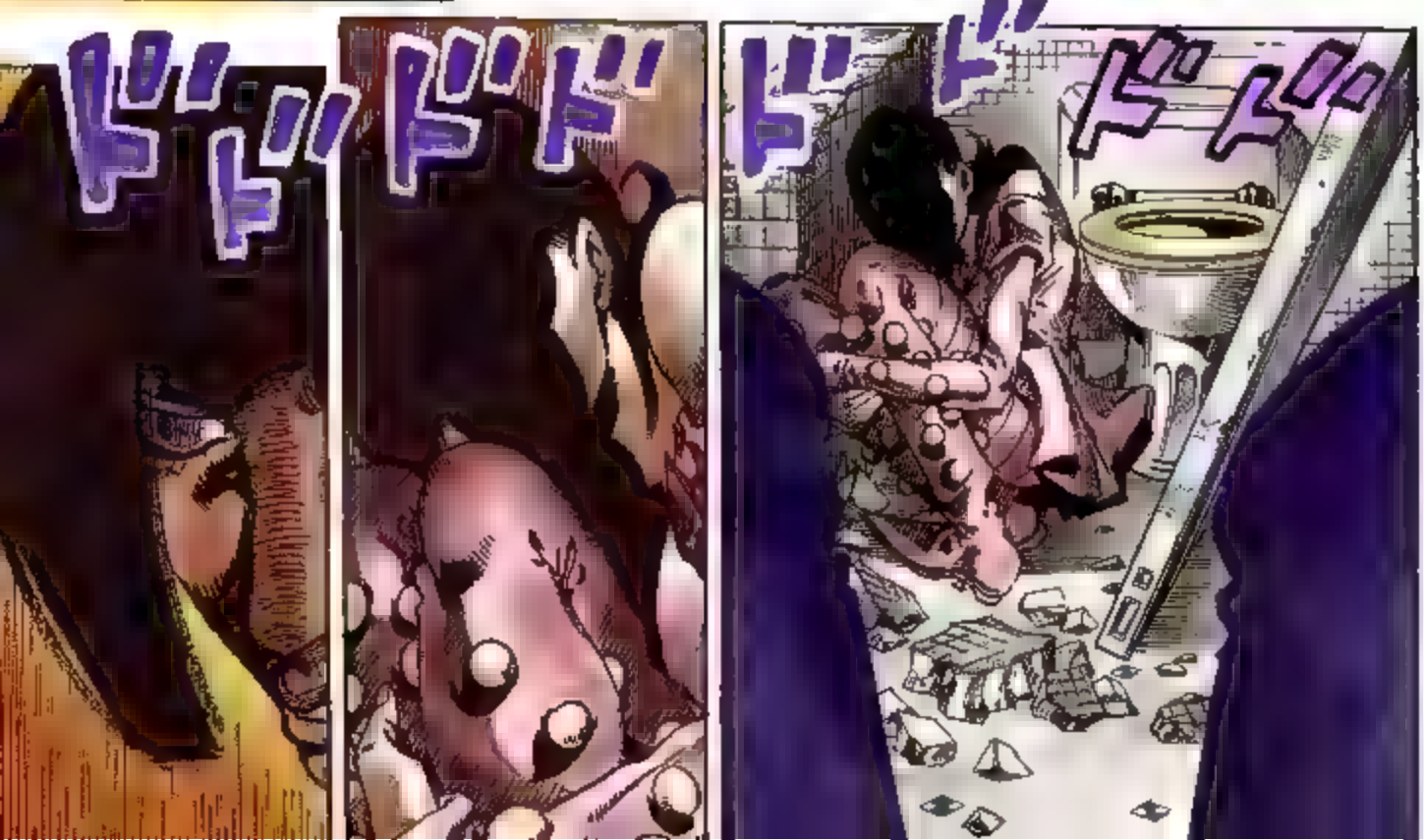
ARE YOU INJURED ANY-WHERE?!


ARE YOU HURT?!
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAVE HAPPENED ?!
A... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!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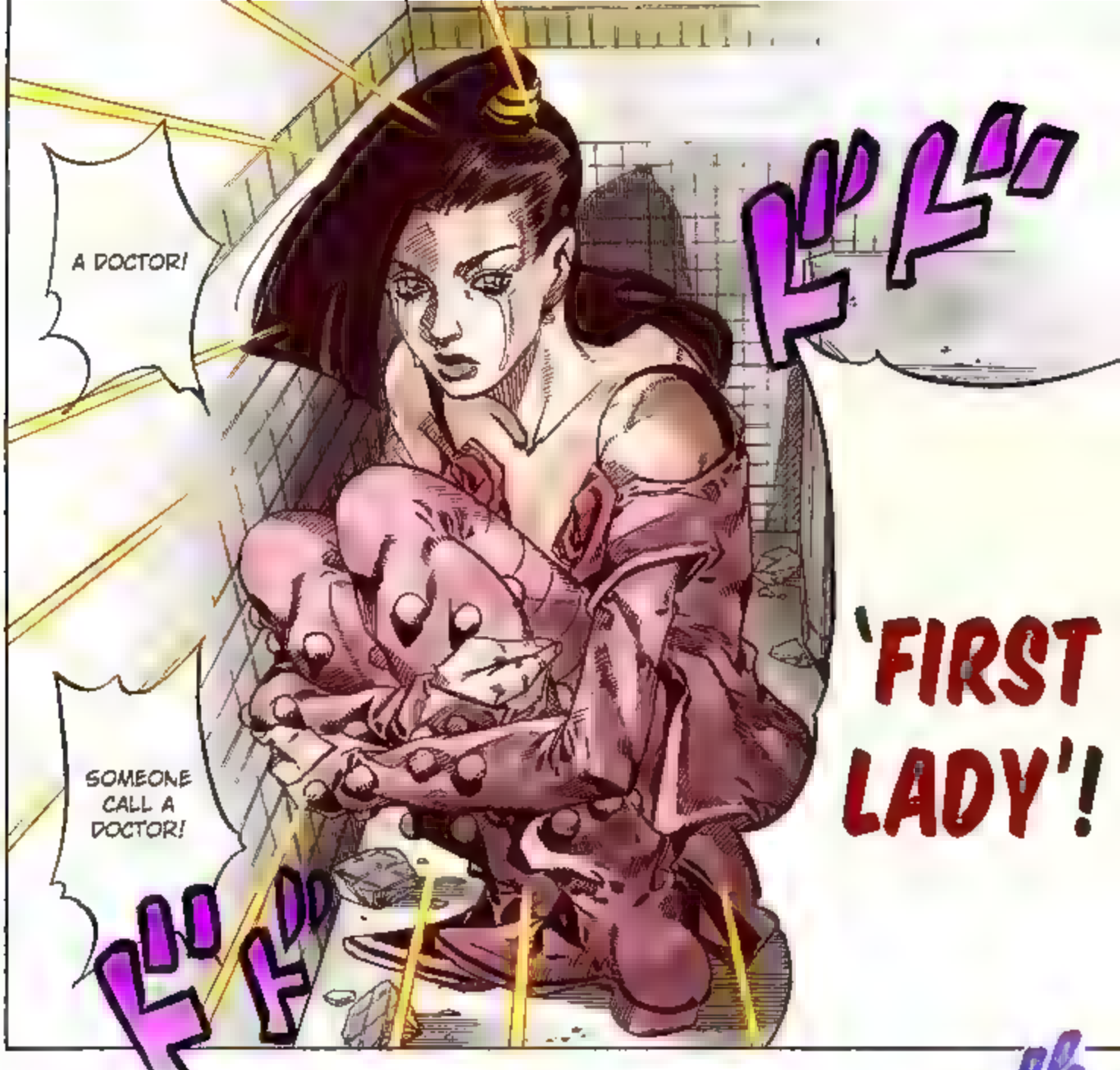
A DOCTOR!
SOMEONE CALL A DOCTOR!
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'FIRST LADY'!

I... I'M NOT...
I'M ALL RIGHT
HURT. I'M ALL RIGHT
I'M FINE
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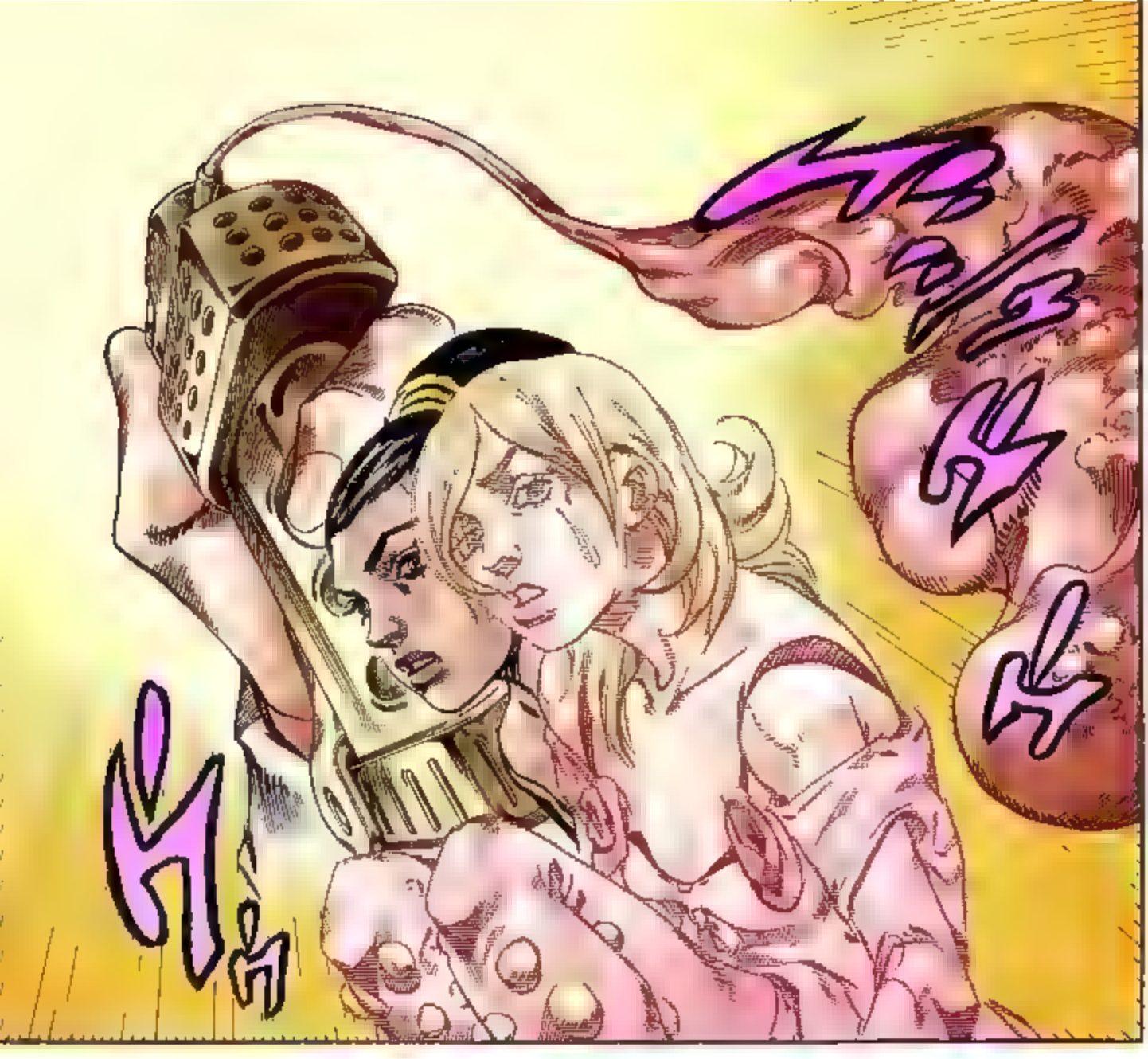
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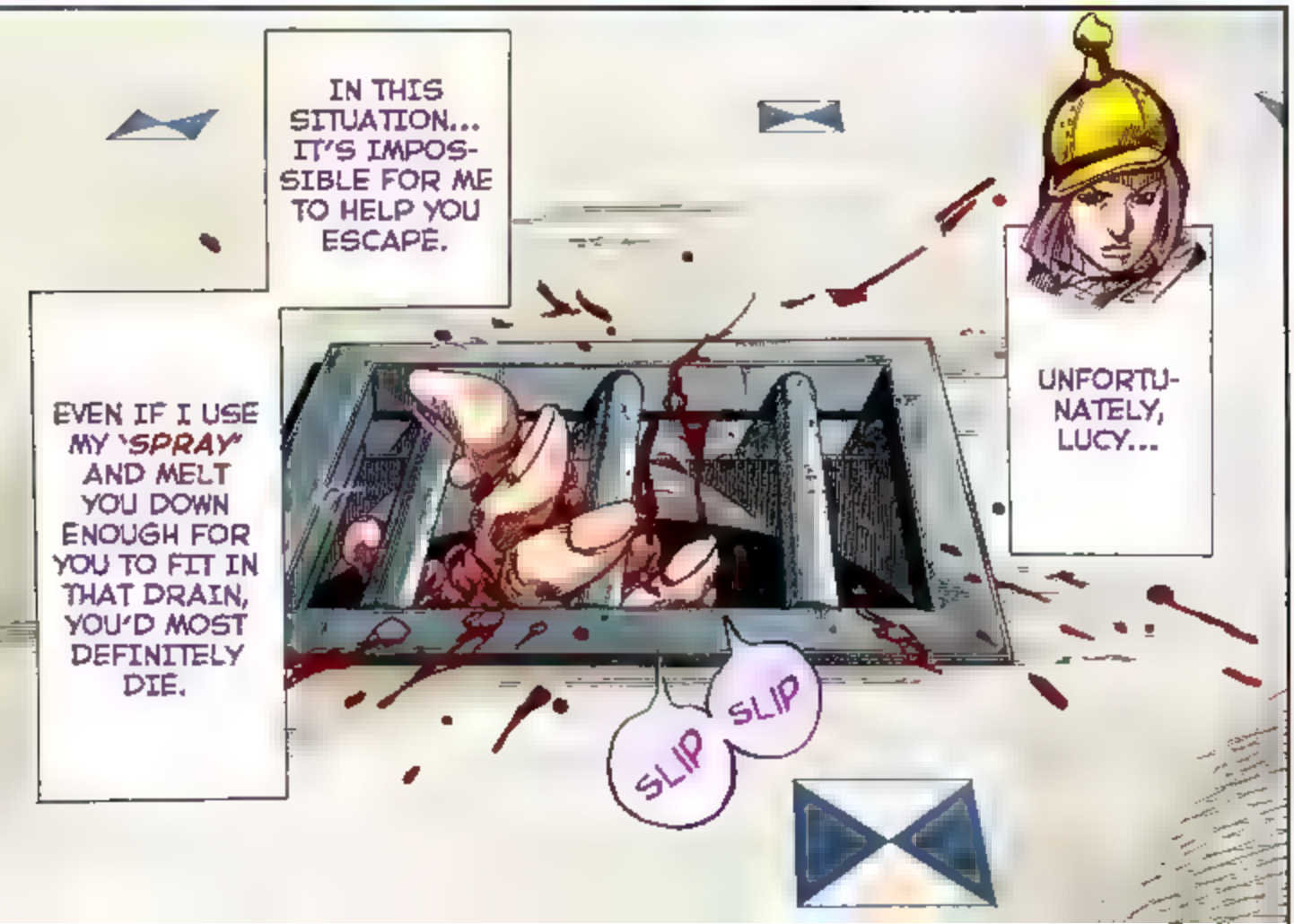
IN THIS SITUATION... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO HELP YOU ESCAPE.
EVEN IF I USE MY "SPRAY" AND MELT YOU DOWN ENOUGH FOR YOU TO FIT IN THAT DRAIN, YOU'D MOST DEFINITELY DIE.
UNFORTUNATELY, LUCY...
SLIP
SLIP

UNTIL THE RACE IS OVER... UNTIL THE REST OF THE CORPSE PARTS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED! ONLY A LITTLE BIT... IT'LL AL BE OVER SOON.

I... NO! IT CAN'T BE, SOMETHING LIKE THIS ...!

I'LL TELL YOUR HUSBAND, MR. STEEL, ABOUT EVERYTHING IN SECRET... THIS IS THE ONLY WAY...

AND LISTEN... THE ONLY '*INTRUDER*', THE ONLY '*CULPRIT*', IS ME... JUST ME! '*HOT PANTS*' IS THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL TELL THEM! MAKE SURE OF IT!

FIT ME INTO THE DESCRIPTION. (UNDER 51KG) (FEMALE) (THE NIGHT IN KANSAS CITY) (CAN TRAVEL 100KM IN A SINGLE NIGHT)

YOU HAVE TO ENDURE THIS... AS THE '*FIRST LADY*'.

THAT'S THE ONLY OPTION... IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE.

AND THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO POSE AS '*SCARLET VALENTINE*', THE FIRST LADY... I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE '*REAL*' SCARLET VALENTINE.

AS FOR THE '*CORPSE*', LUCKILY, I CAN BRING THE '*EARS*' AND THE '*HEART*' WITH ME, BUT THE '*ARM*' IS TOO LARGE...

I CAN'T DO IT. I HAVE TO LEAVE IT WITH YOU... THE '*LEFT ARM*' AND THE 'BACKBONE' COULDN'T COME WITH ME WHEN I ENTERED, AFTER ALL.

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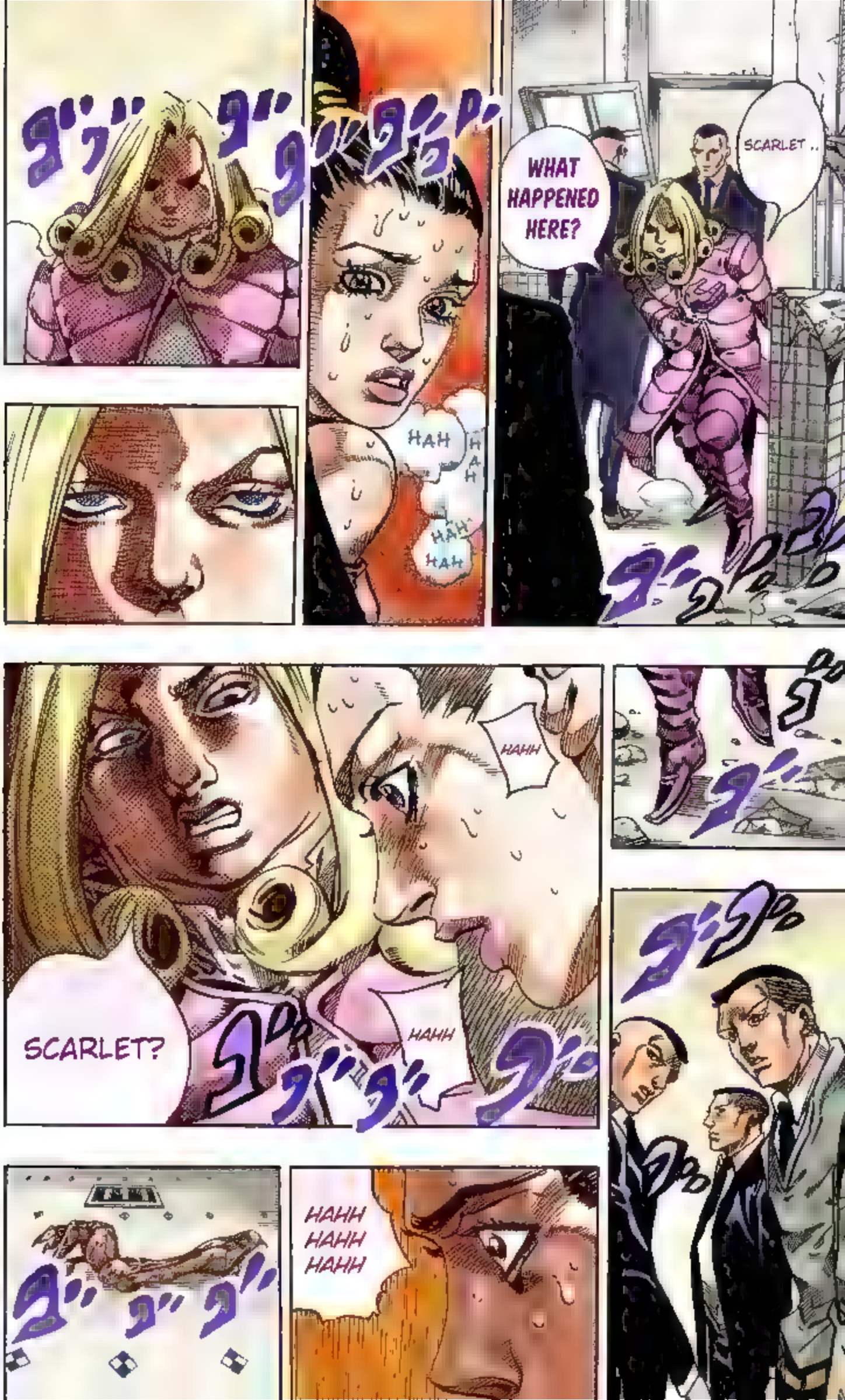
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
SCARLET ..
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
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SCARLET?
HAHH
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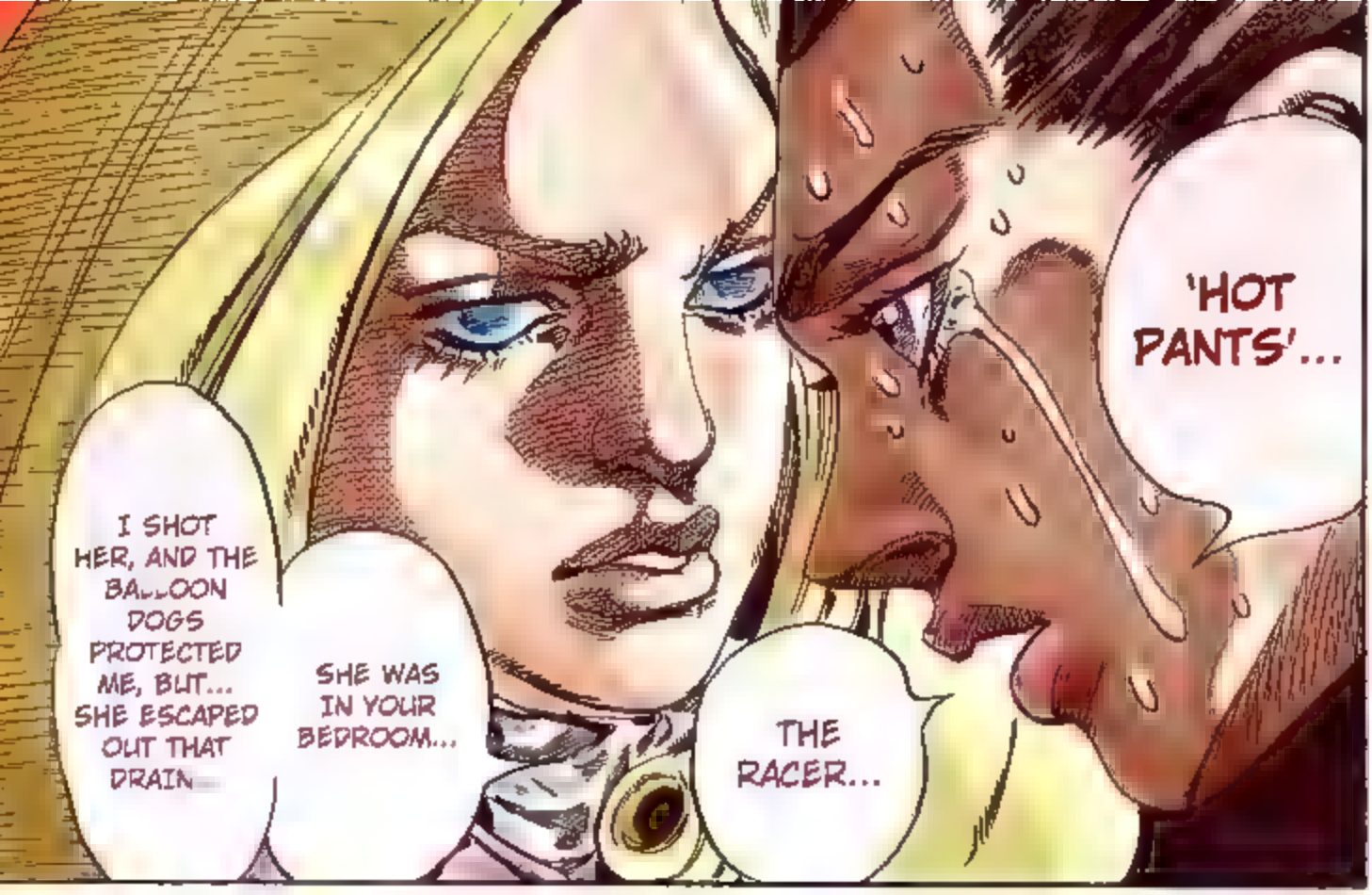
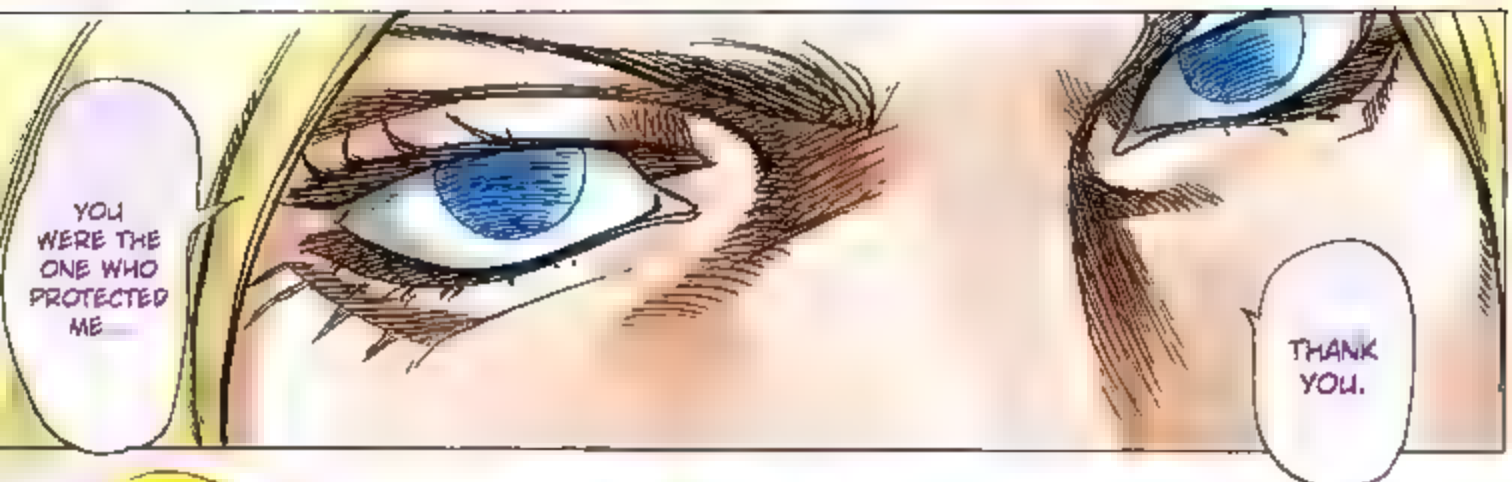
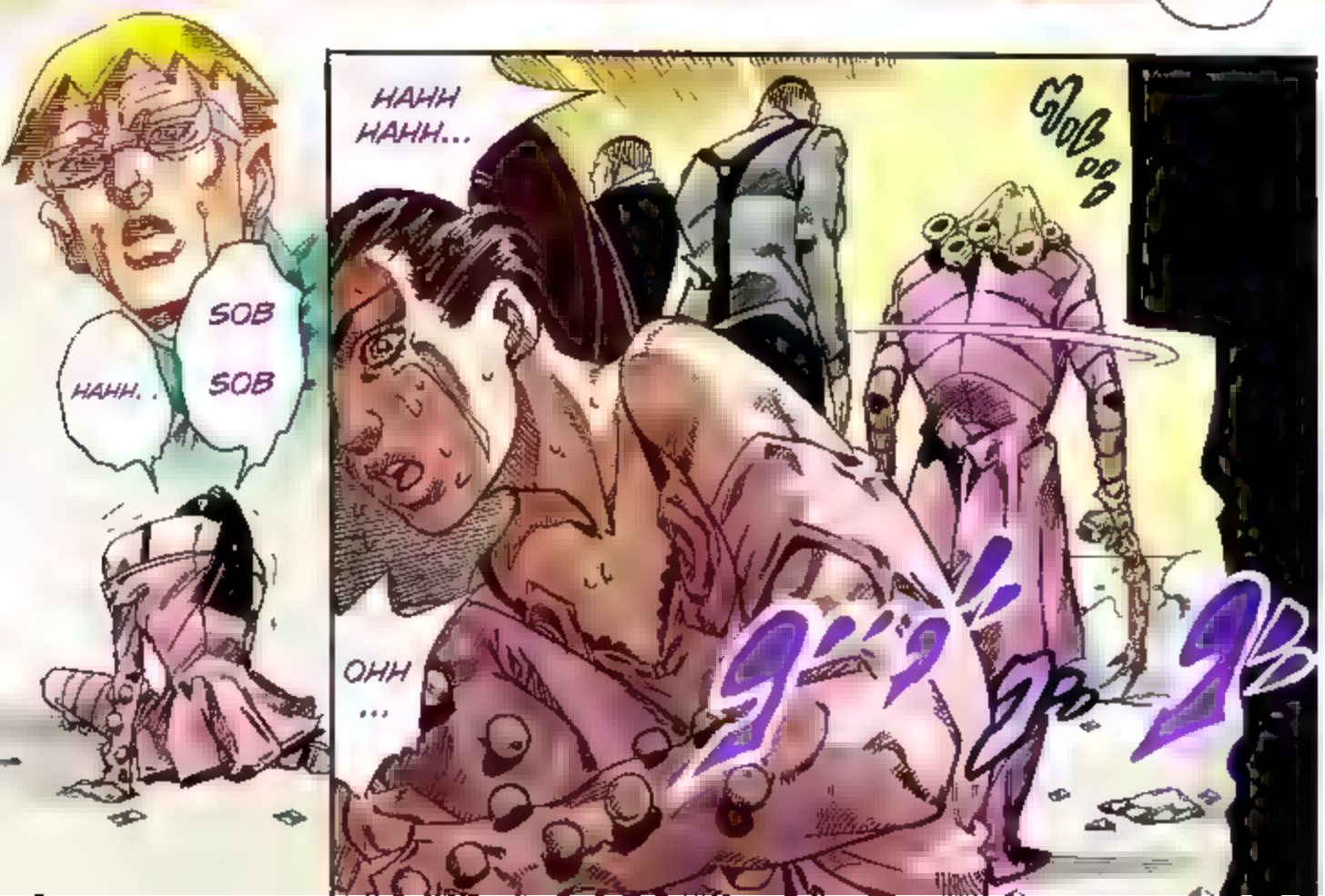
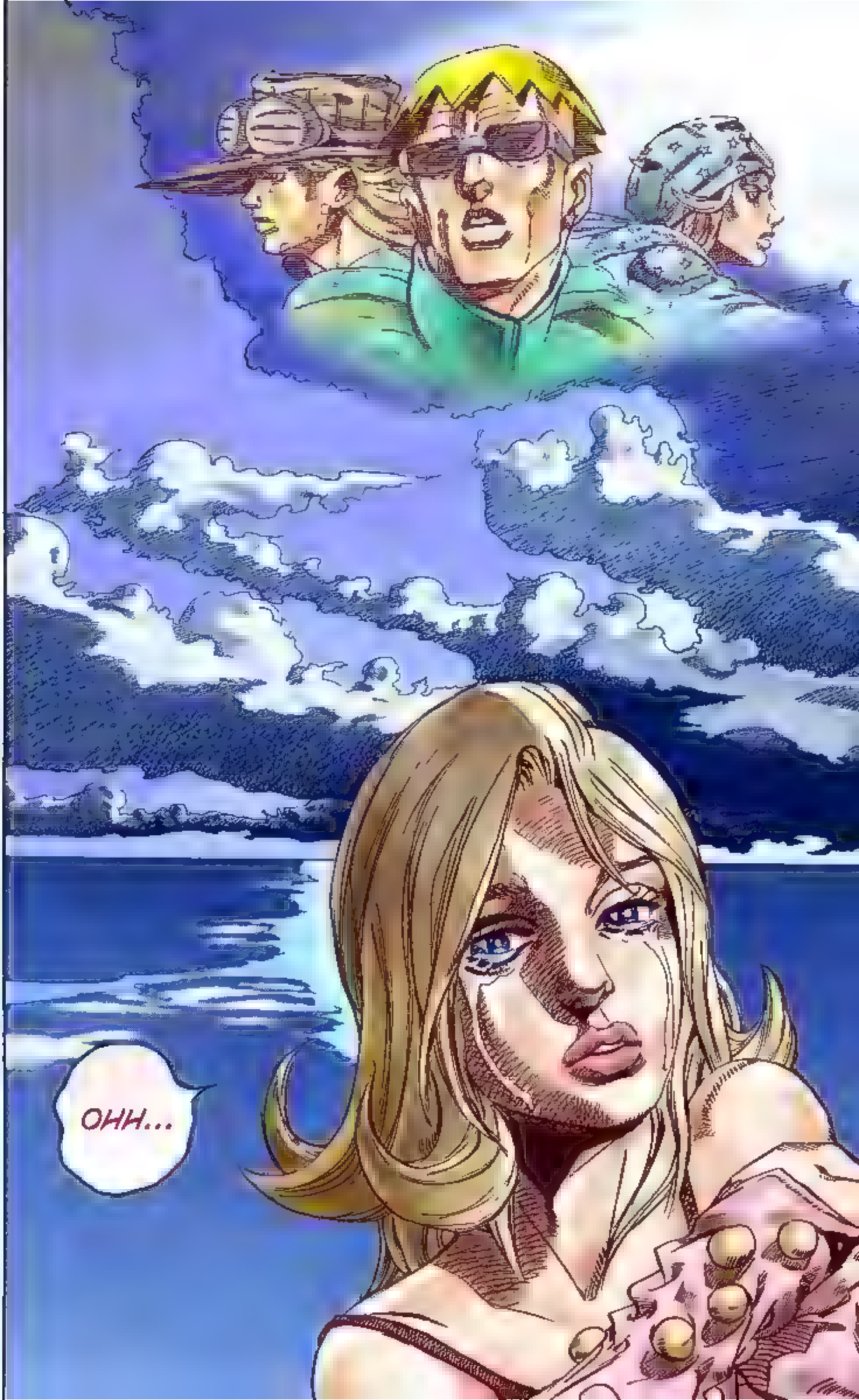

'HOT PANTS'...
THE RACER...
SHE WAS IN YOUR BEDROOM...
I SHOT HER, AND THE BALLOON DOGS PROTECTED ME, BUT... SHE ESCAPED OUT THAT DRAIN


THANK YOU.
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO PROTECTED ME


HAHH HAHH...
GLOOO
OHH ...
SOB SOB
HAHH..


OHH...

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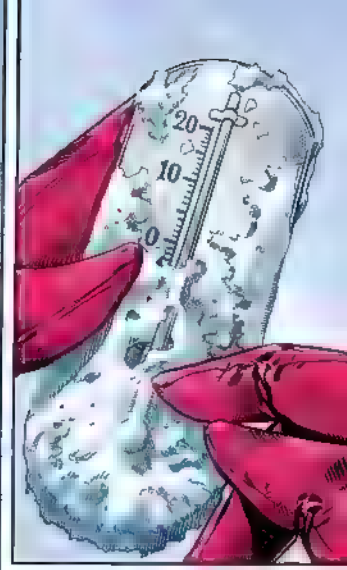
WRECKING BALL
PART ①

IT'S 35 DEGREES BELOW ZERO...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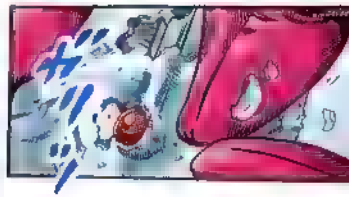

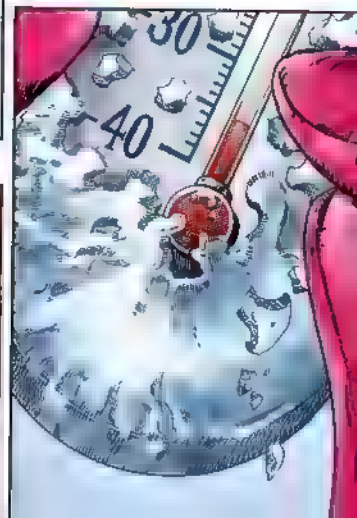
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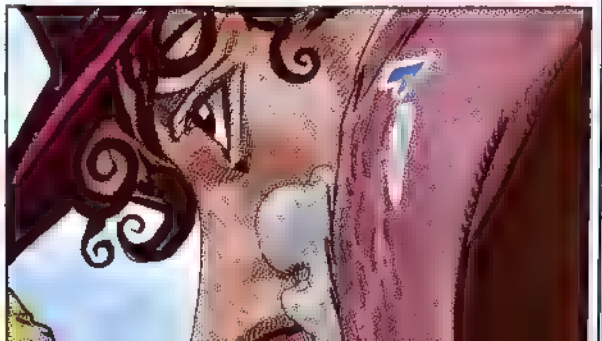
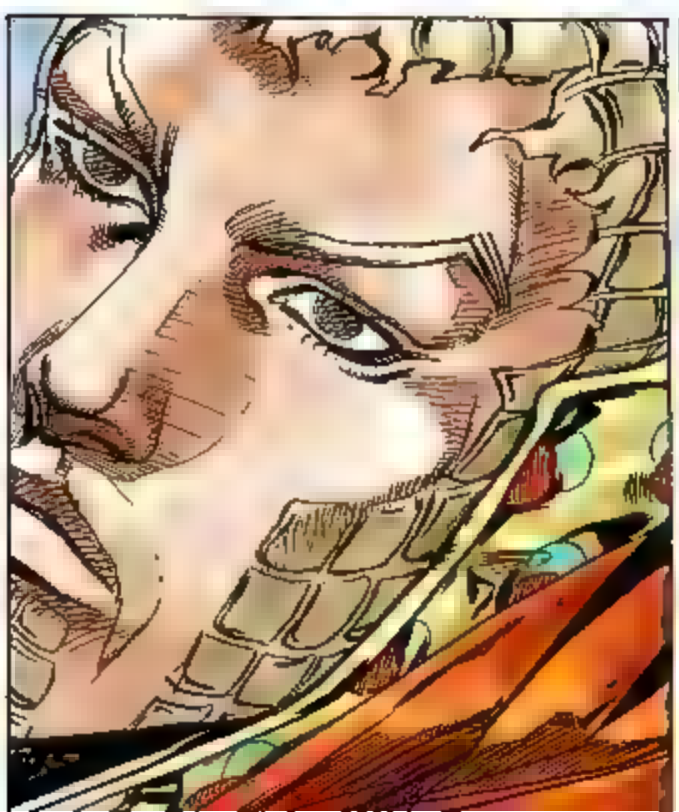
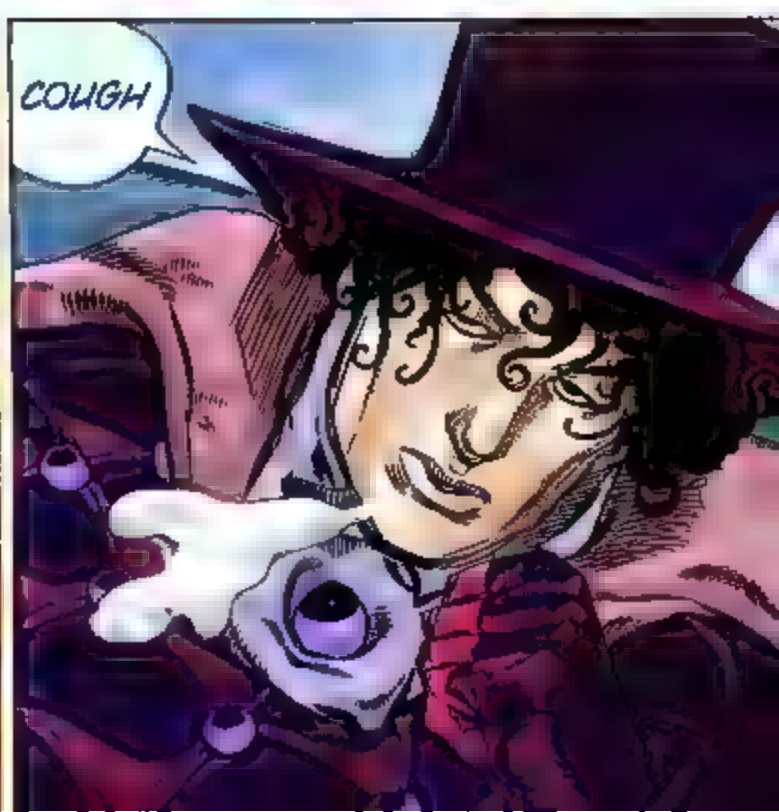
35 DEGREES BELOW .. THEN IT WOULD STILL BE 'TOO THIN'



THEN...
THEY WON'T CROSS BY HORSE, HUH...
ACROSS THAT 'FROZEN STRAIT', I MEAN.

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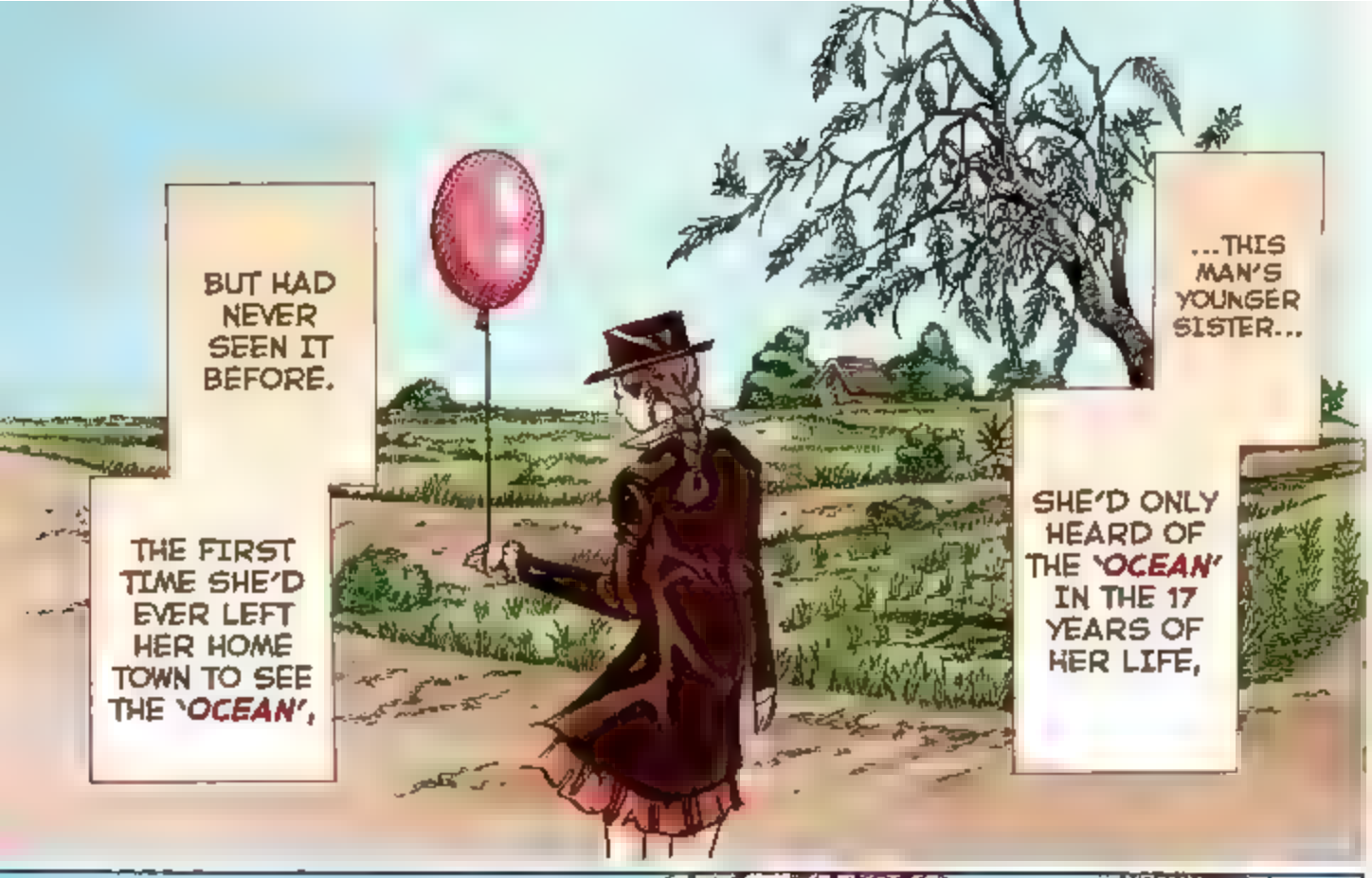
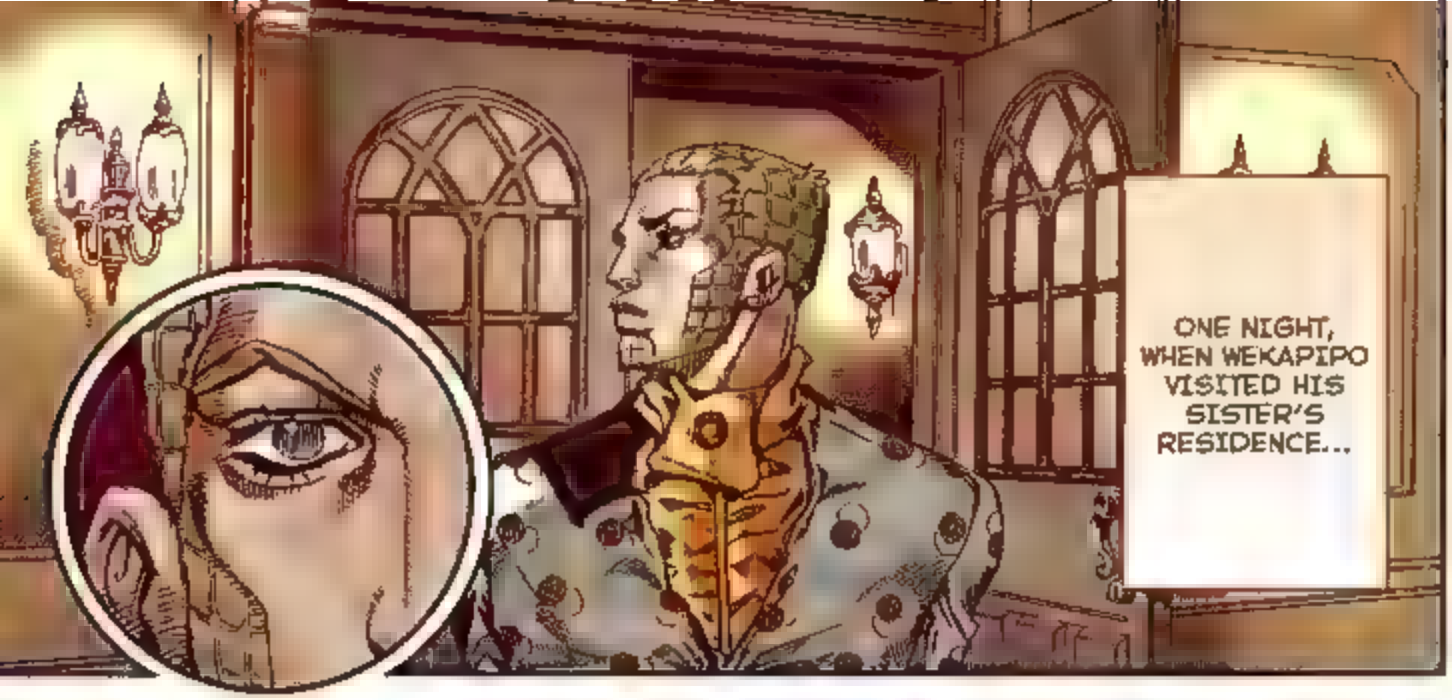
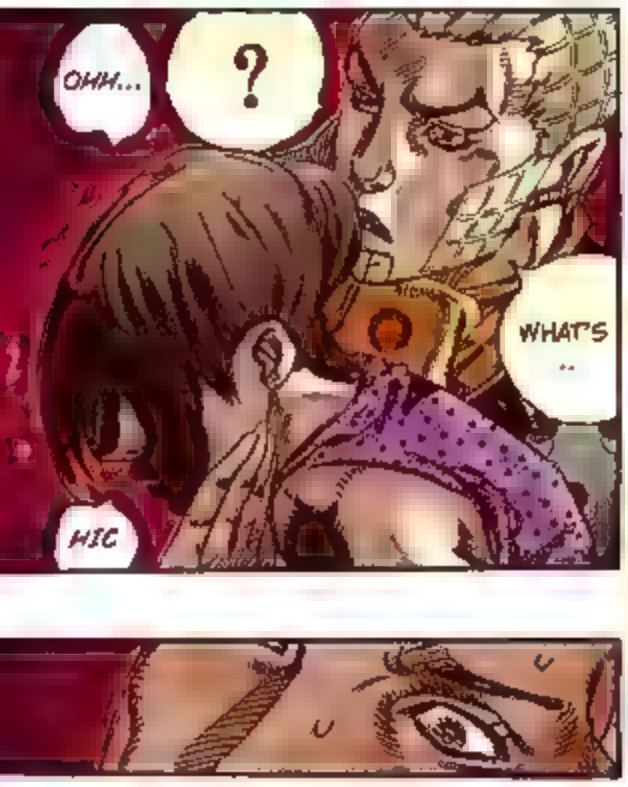

BUT HAD NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.
THE FIRST TIME SHE'D EVER LEFT HER HOME TOWN TO SEE THE 'OCEAN',
...THIS MAN'S YOUNGER SISTER...
SHE'D ONLY HEARD OF THE 'OCEAN' IN THE 17 YEARS OF HER LIFE,

...WAS ON HER WEDDING DAY.

AND, IN FACT, THE ONE THAT HAD USHED FOR THIS ENGAGEMENT TO HAPPEN WAS NONE OTHER THAN THE GIRL'S BROTHER, SEVEN YEARS HER ELDER.
HER HUSBAND WAS THE SON OF A WEALTHY FINANCIAL COMMISSIONER,
WHICH MEANT THAT HIS POSITION, WEALTH, AND STATUS WERE ALL SECURED.

WEKAPIPO WAS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST-RANKING GUARD TROOP, WORKING DIRECTLY FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY.
THE MAN... HIS NAME IS WEKAPIPO.
HIS SISTER'S HUSBAND WAS A FRIEND FROM THE SAME LINE OF WORK.
BUT AFTER SIX MONTHS OF THEIR MARRIAGE, IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE MARRIAGE WAS A 'FAILURE'... NO, PERHAPS,
IT HAD BEEN A FAILURE FROM THE VERY START.


ONE NIGHT, WHEN WEKAPIPO VISITED HIS SISTER'S RESIDENCE...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WHAT'S ..
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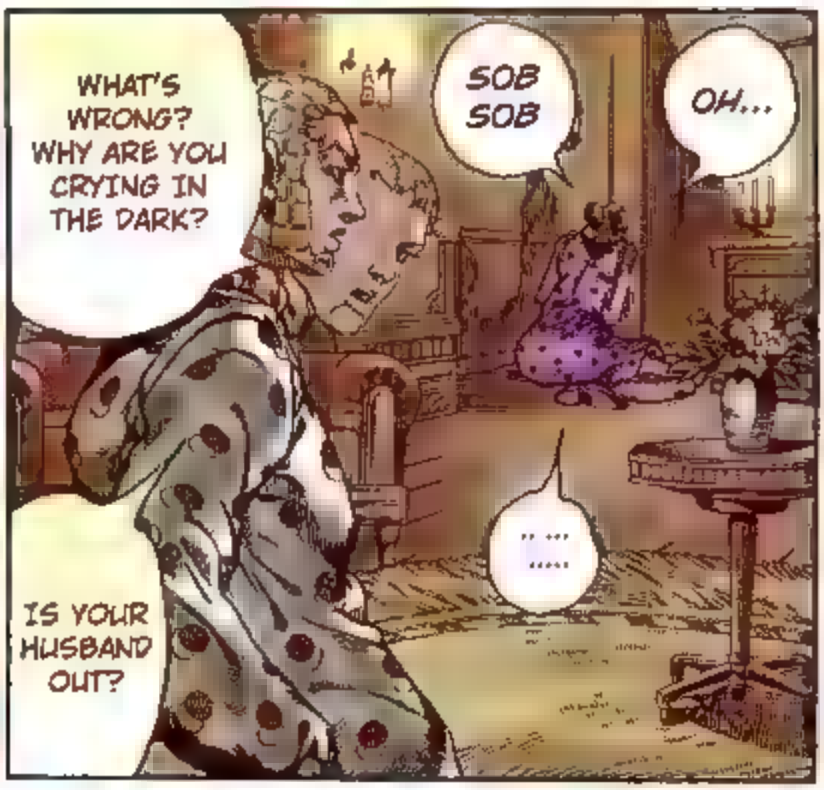
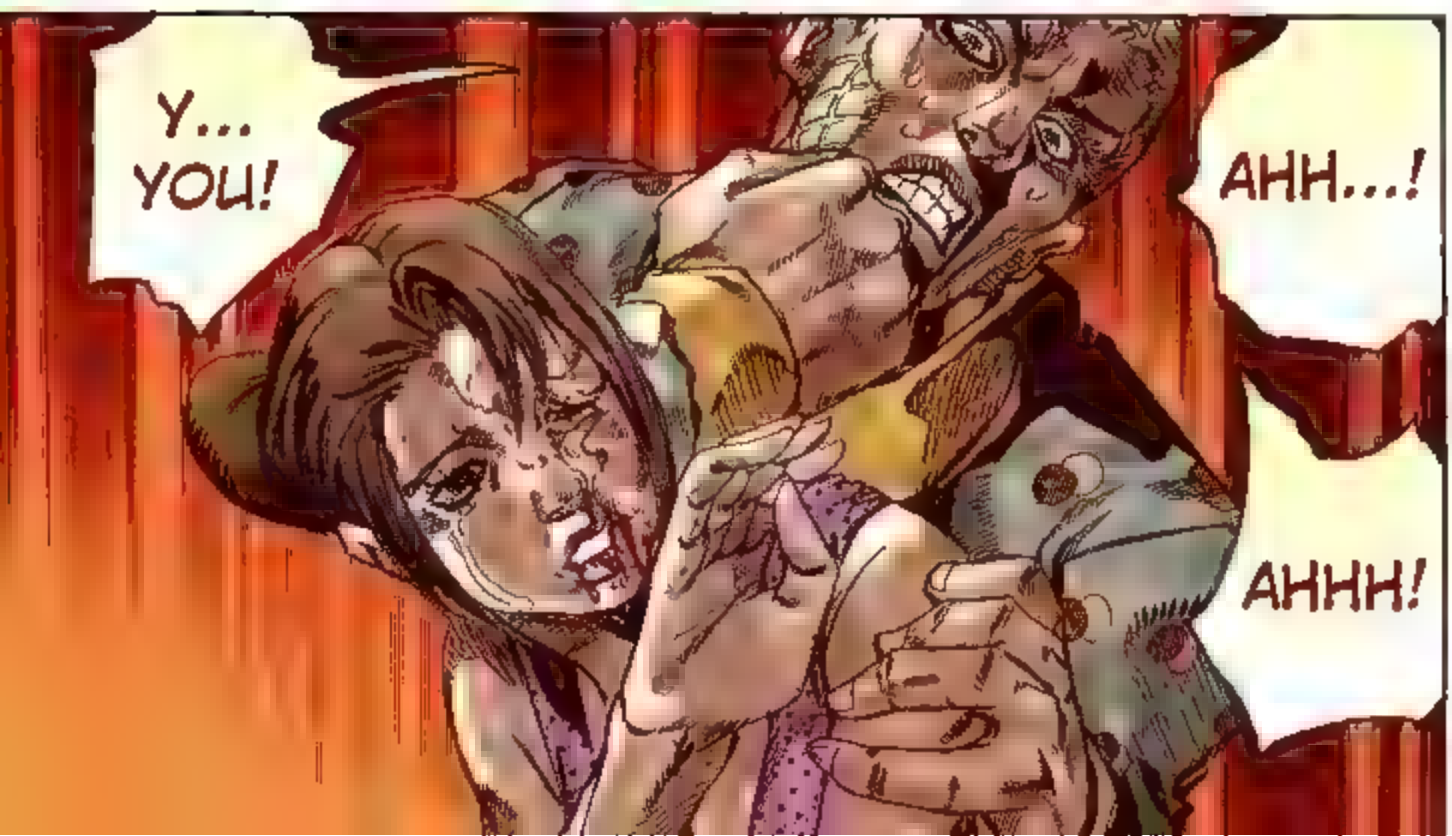
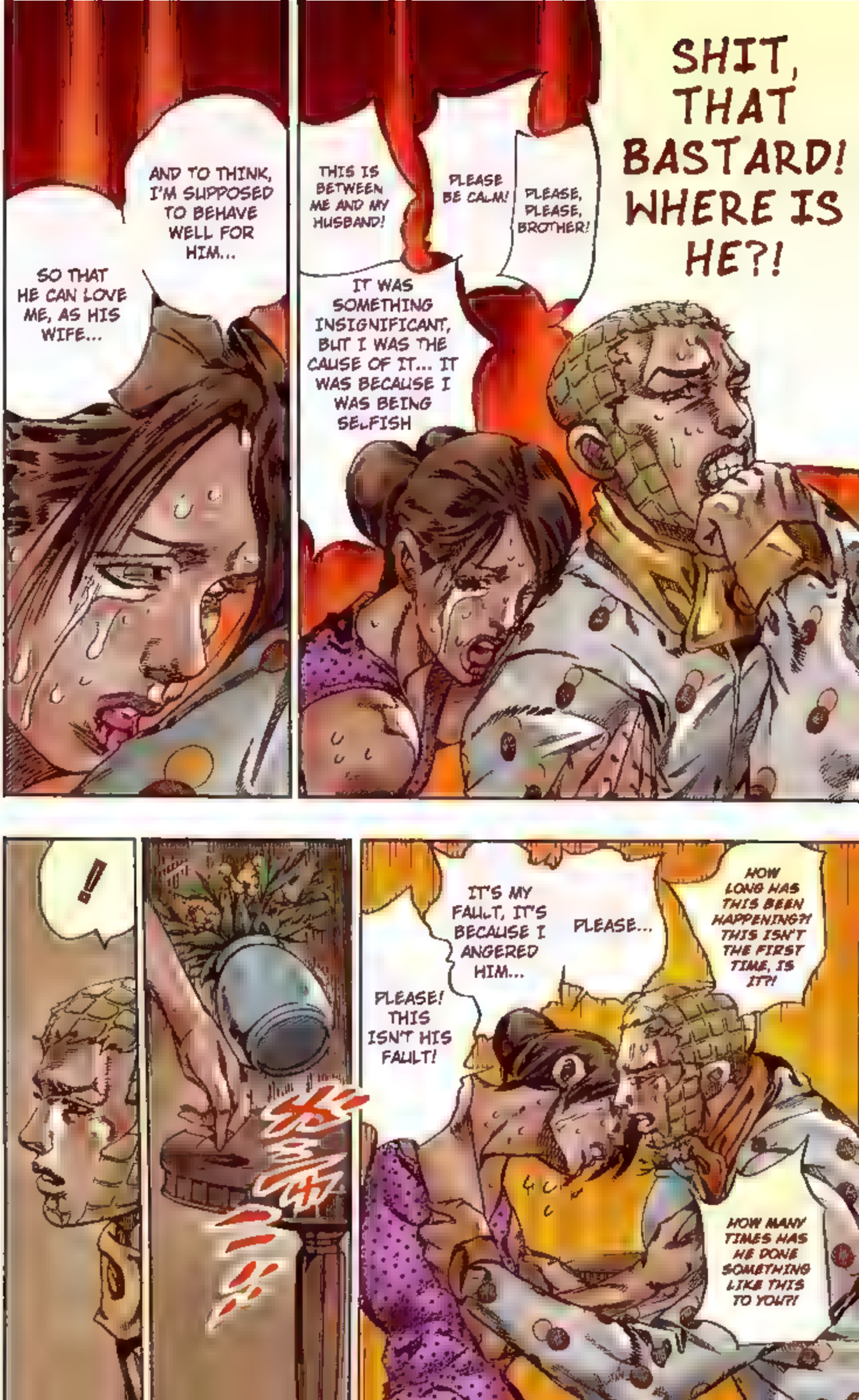

WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU CRYING IN THE DARK?
SOB SOB
OH...
.. ..
IS YOUR HUSBAND OUT?


Y... YOU!
AHH...!
AHHH!


AND TO THINK, I'M SUPPOSED TO BEHAVE WELL FOR HIM...
SO THAT HE CAN LOVE ME, AS HIS WIFE...
THIS IS BETWEEN ME AND MY HUSBAND!
PLEASE BE CALM!
PLEASE, PLEASE, BROTHER!
IT WAS SOMETHING INSIGNIFICANT, BUT I WAS THE CAUSE OF IT... IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS BEING SELFISH
SHIT, THAT BASTARD! WHERE IS HE?!
!
IT'S MY FAULT, IT'S BECAUSE I ANGERED HIM...
PLEASE...
HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN HAPPENING?! THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME, IS IT?!
PLEASE! THIS ISN'T HIS FAULT!
HOW MANY TIMES HAS HE DONE SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO YOU?!

OH?
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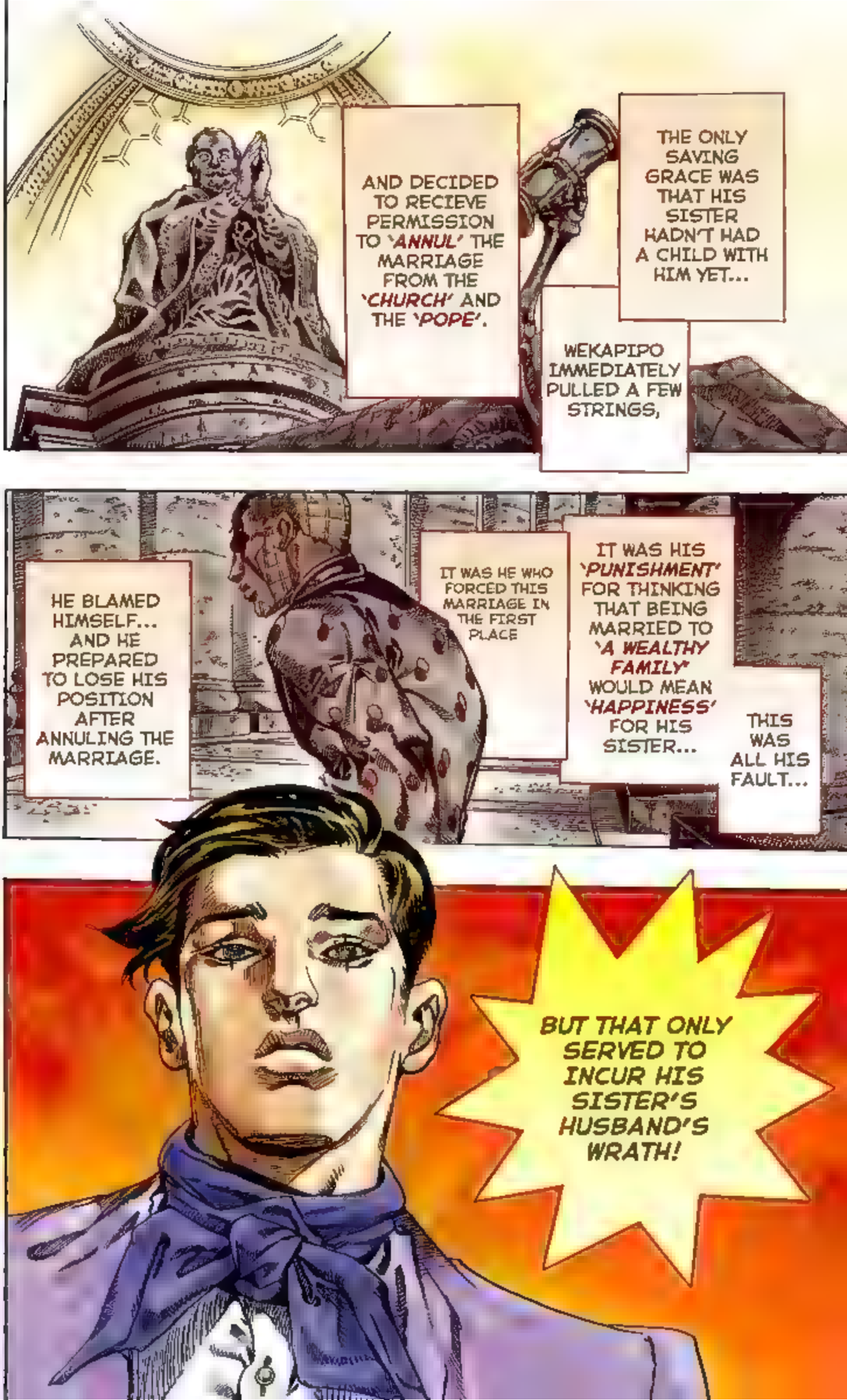
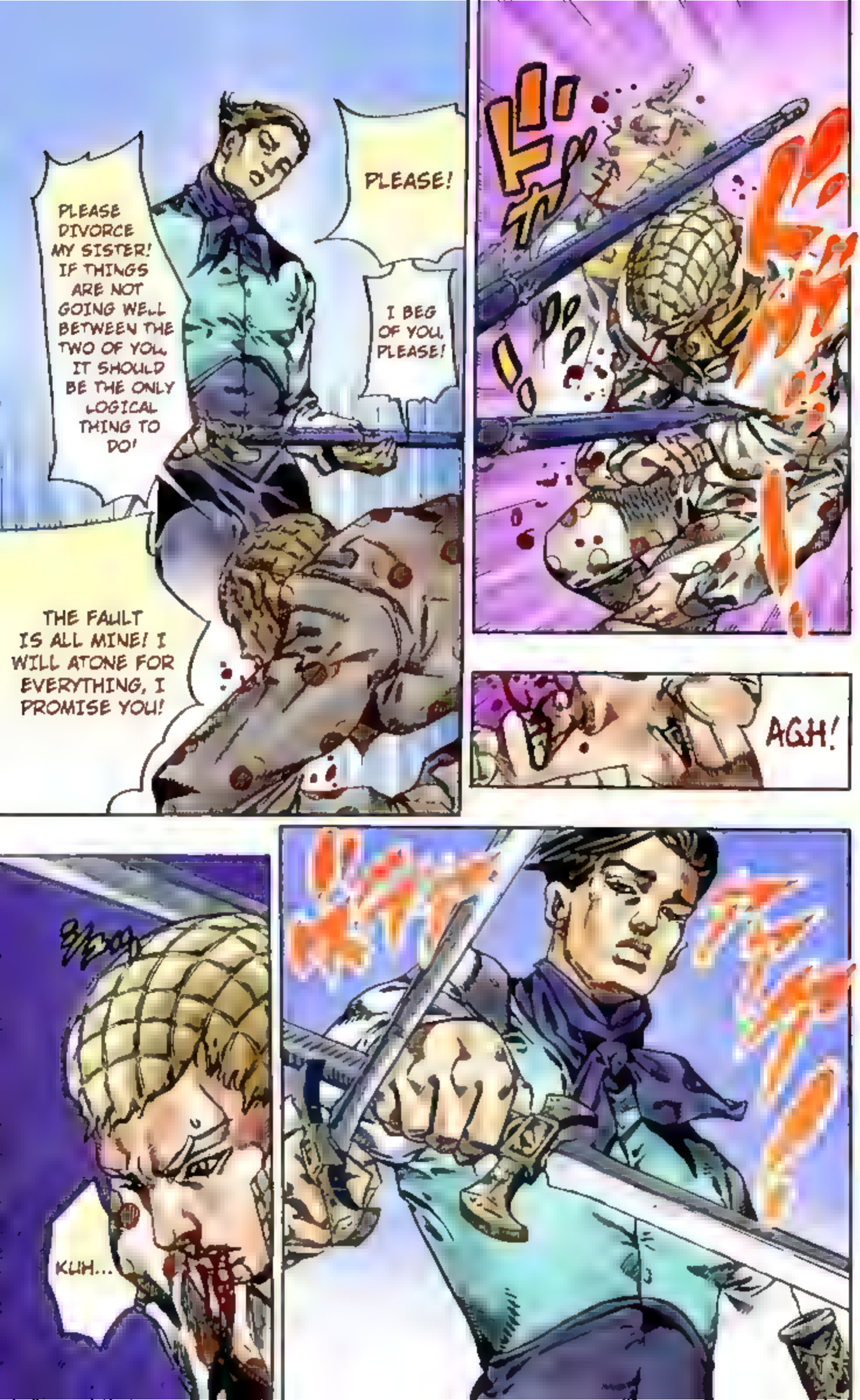
HOW COULD THIS BE...?! AHHHHH!
AH...!
WHY DID YOU JUST KNOCK OVER THAT VASE?
IT... NO, YOUR 'EYE'...
YOUR 'LEFT EYE'... NO...!
WH... WHAT...?
IT CAN'T BE...
YOU ..?
NO! THAT'S NOT... NO, BROTHER...!
YOU CAN'T SEE OUT OF IT?!
THIS IS... THIS IS JUST TEMPORARY! I WILL GET BETTER SOON! I PROMISE!


AND DECIDED TO RECIEVE PERMISSION TO 'ANNUL' THE MARRIAGE FROM THE 'CHURCH' AND THE 'POPE'.
THE ONLY SAVING GRACE WAS THAT HIS SISTER HADN'T HAD A CHILD WITH HIM YET...
WEKAPIPO IMMEDIATELY PULLED A FEW STRINGS,
HE BLAMED HIMSELF... AND HE PREPARED TO LOSE HIS POSITION AFTER ANNULING THE MARRIAGE.
IT WAS HE WHO FORCED THIS MARRIAGE IN THE FIRST PLACE
IT WAS HIS 'PUNISHMENT' FOR THINKING THAT BEING MARRIED TO 'A WEALTHY FAMILY' WOULD MEAN 'HAPPINESS' FOR HIS SISTER...
THIS WAS ALL HIS FAULT...
BUT THAT ONLY SERVED TO INCUR HIS SISTER'S HUSBAND'S WRATH!


PLEASE!
I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE!
PLEASE DIVORCE MY SISTER! IF THINGS ARE NOT GOING WELL BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU, IT SHOULD BE THE ONLY LOGICAL THING TO DO!
THE FAULT IS ALL MINE! I WILL ATONE FOR EVERYTHING, I PROMISE YOU!
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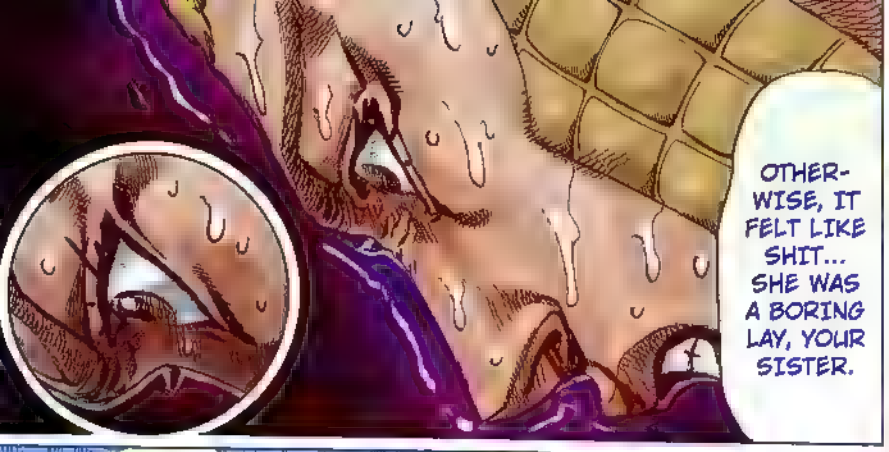
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WISE, IT
FELT LIKE
SHIT...
SHE WAS
A BORING
LAY, YOUR
SISTER.

I'LL TAKE
YOUR LIFE,
THEN.
YOU'LL
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FINE,
WEKAPIPO.
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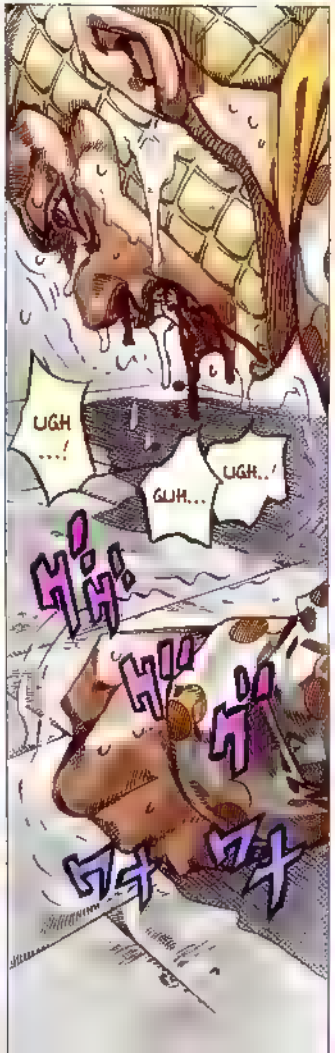
A 'DUEL'!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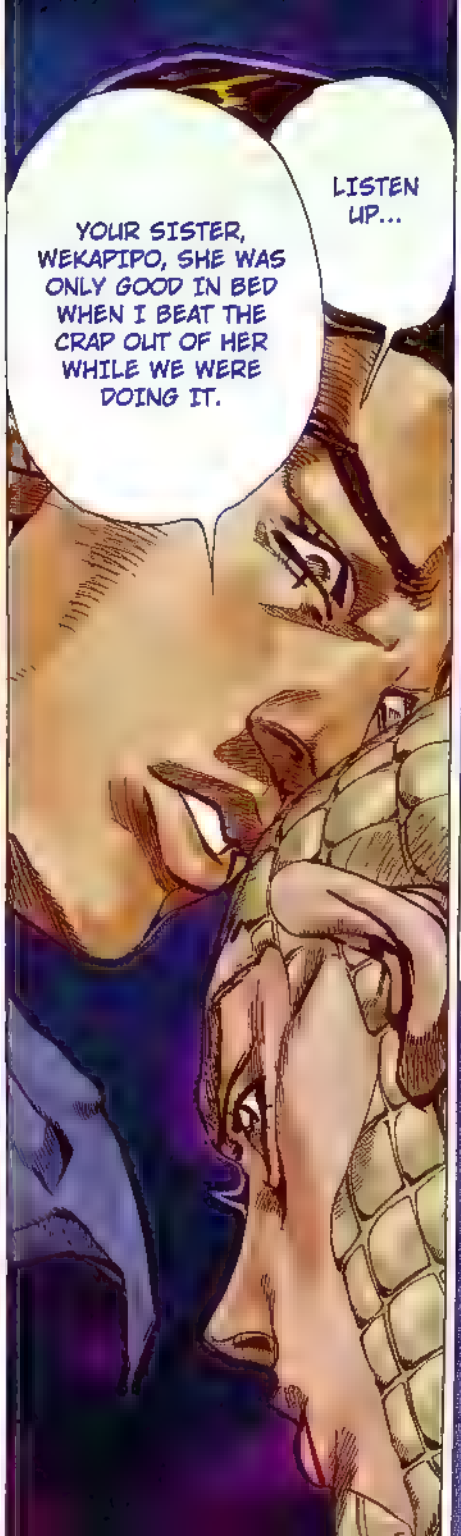
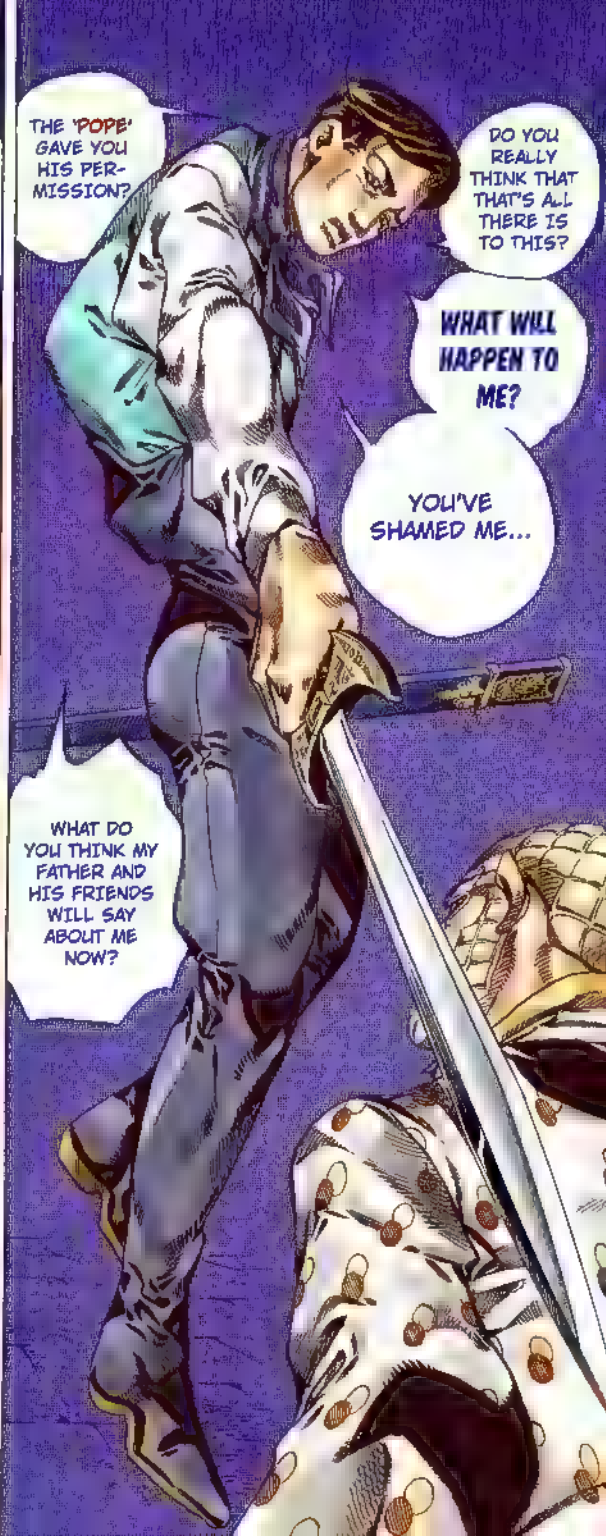

LISTEN
UP...
YOUR SISTER,
WEKAPIPO, SHE WAS
ONLY GOOD IN BED
WHEN I BEAT THE
CRAP OUT OF HER
WHILE WE WERE
DOING IT.


THE 'POPE'
GAVE YOU
HIS PER-
MISSION?
DO YOU
REALLY
THINK THAT
THAT'S ALL
THERE IS
TO THIS?
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO
ME?
YOU'VE
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WHAT DO
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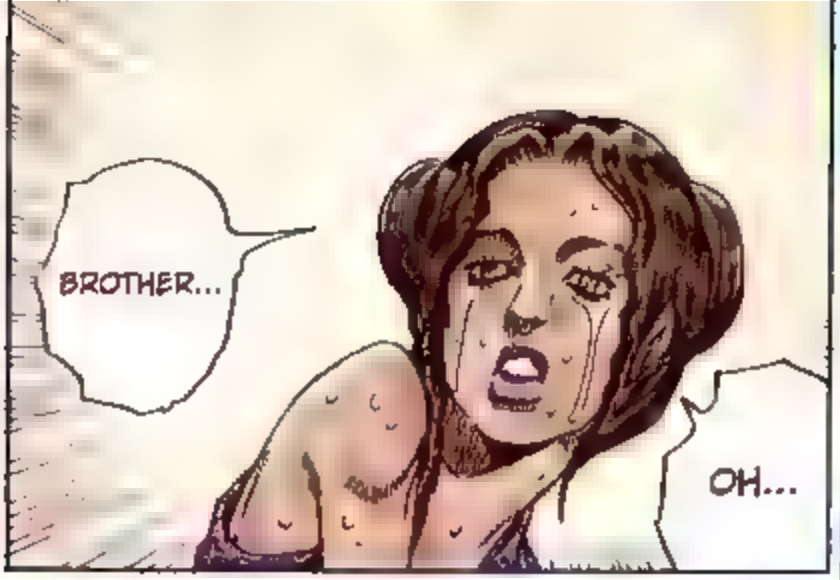
ABOUT ME
NOW?


BROTHER...
OH...

JUST NORTHWEST OF THE CASTLE BOUNDARIES! DON'T BE LATE!
TOMORROW MORNING, AT DAYBREAK!

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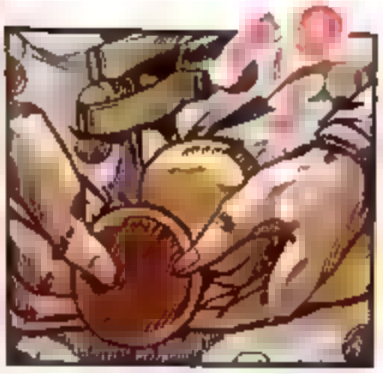
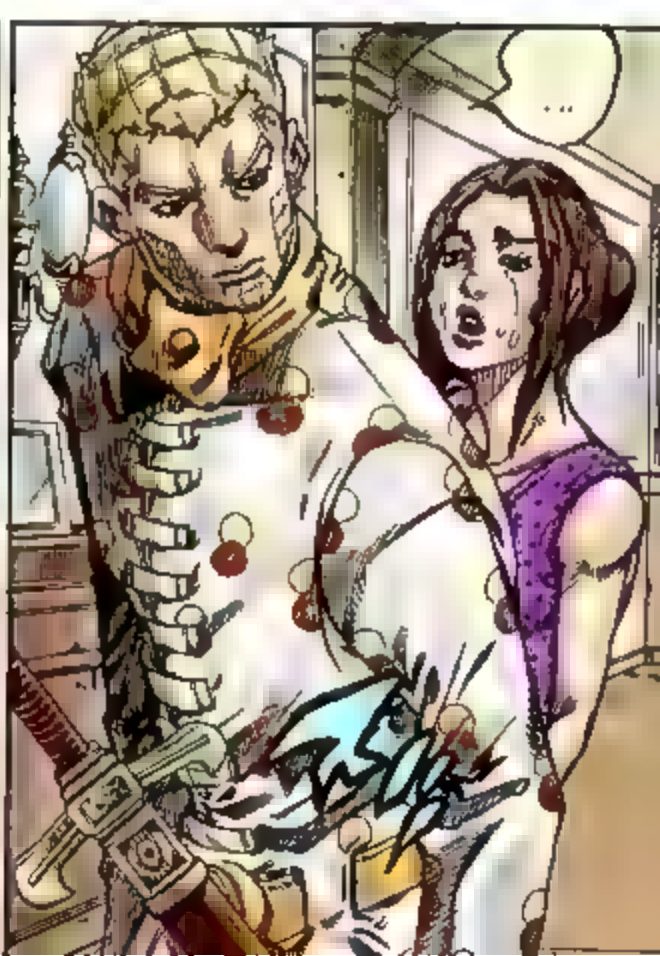


YOU ARE STILL YOUNG, SISTER...
YOU WILL MARRY AGAIN. AND I PROMISE YOU, YOU WILL BE HAPPY.
I WILL BE BACK SOON.
IT WILL BE FINE...
OHHH.
THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.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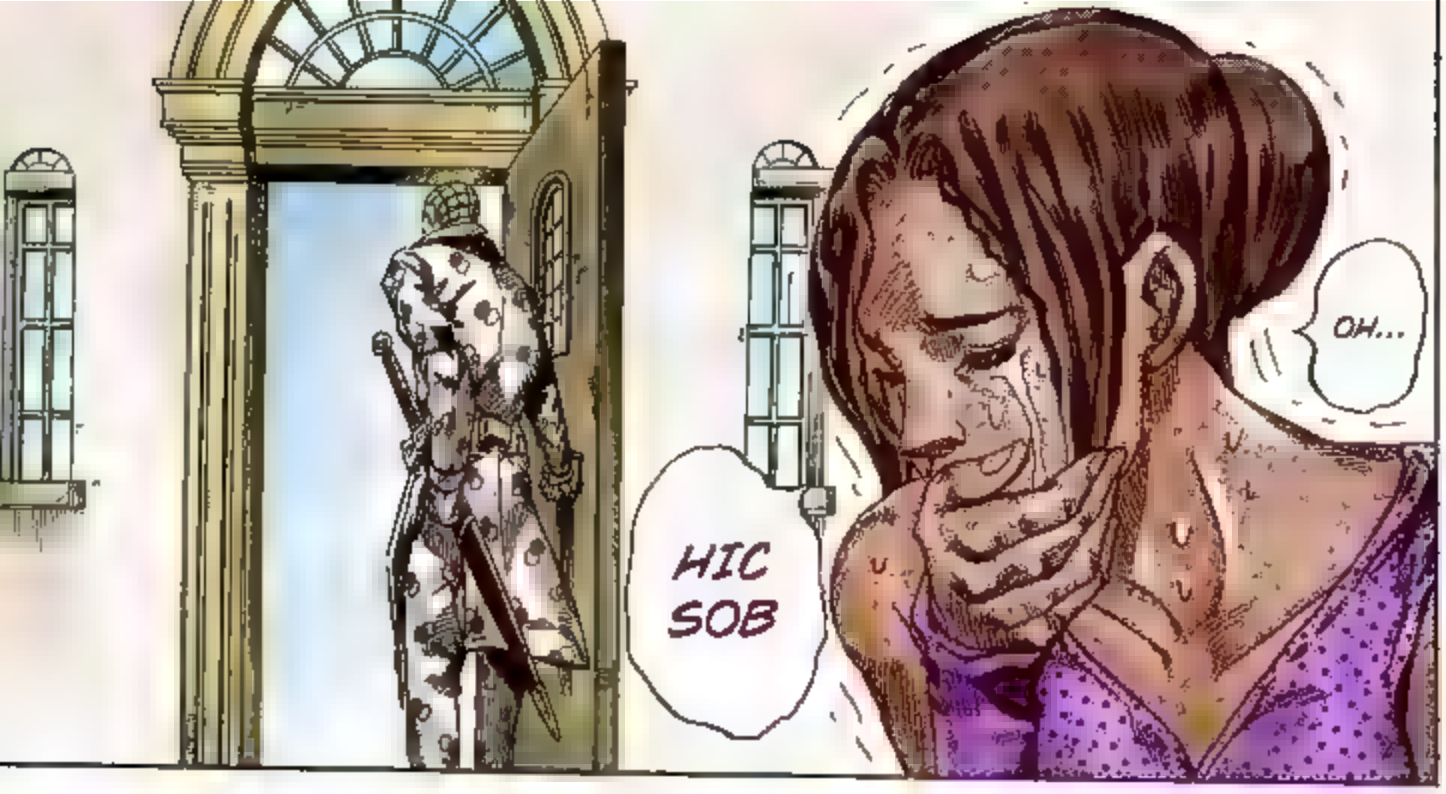
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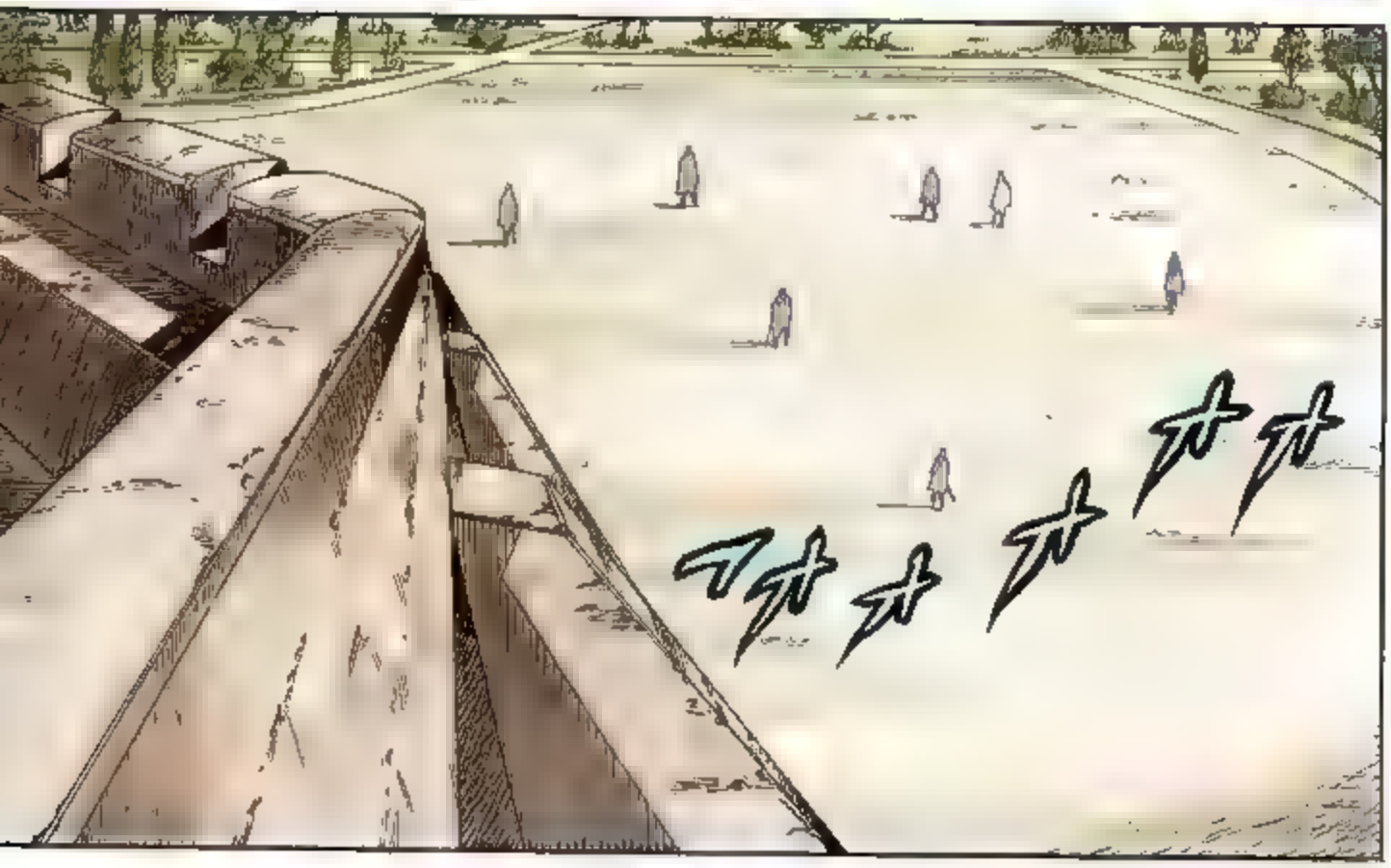
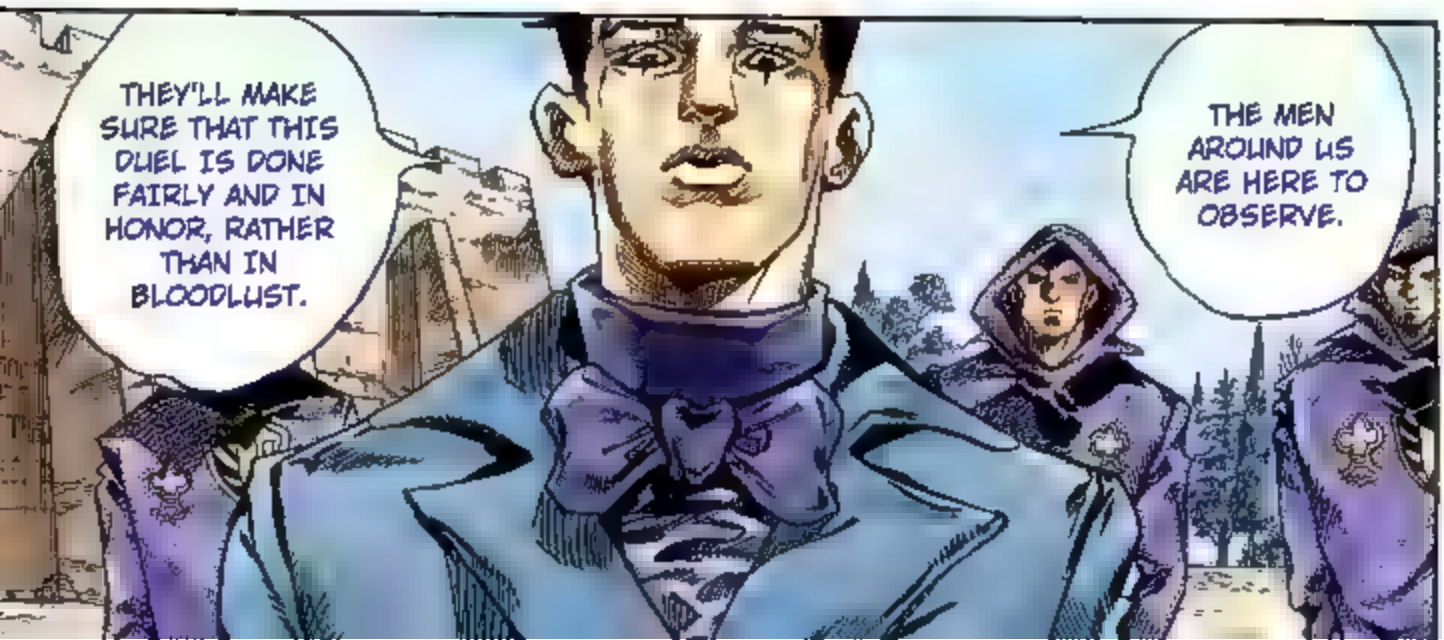
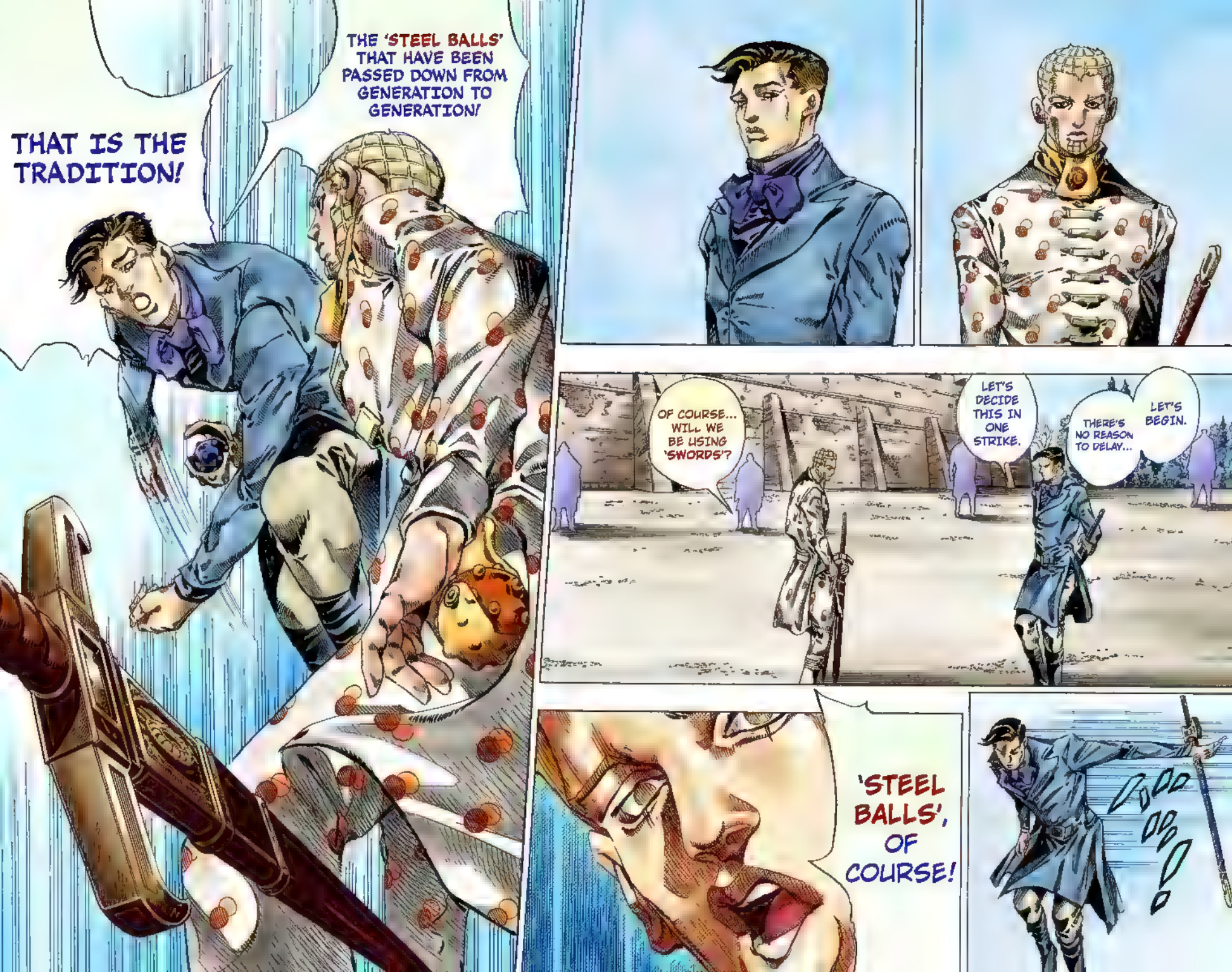



THEY'LL MAKE SURE THAT THIS DUEL IS DONE FAIRLY AND IN HONOR, RATHER THAN IN BLOODLUST.
THE MEN AROUND US ARE HERE TO OBSERVE.


THE 'STEEL BALLS' THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION!
THAT IS THE TRADITION!
OF COURSE... WILL WE BE USING 'SWORDS'?
LET'S DECIDE THIS IN ONE STRIKE.
THERE'S NO REASON TO DELAY...
LET'S BEGIN.
'STEEL BALLS', OF COURSE!

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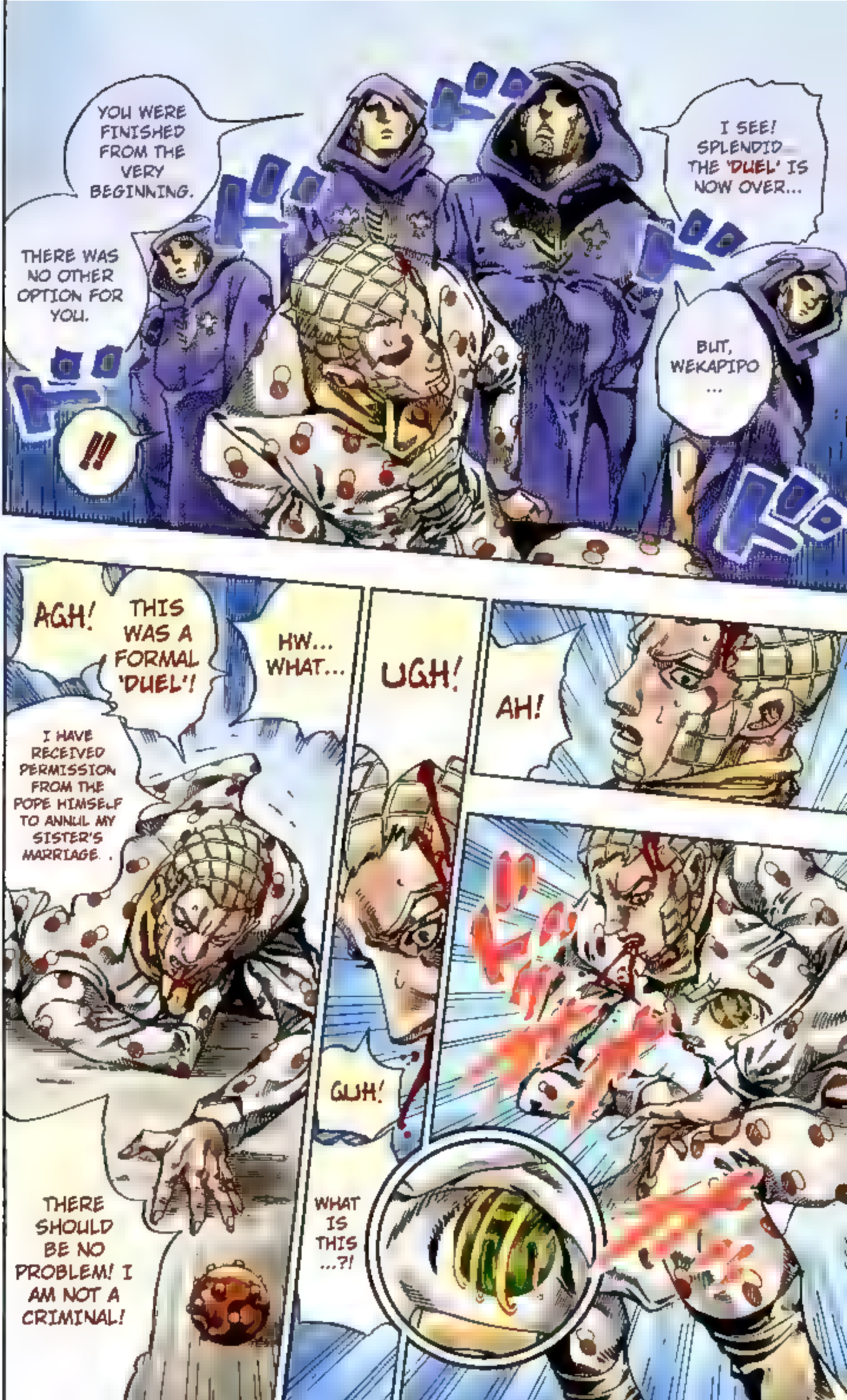
YOU WERE FINISHED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
THERE WAS NO OTHER OPTION FOR YOU.
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I SEE! SPLENDID... THE 'DUEL' IS NOW OVER...
BUT, WEKAPIPO ...
AGH!
THIS WAS A FORMAL 'DUEL'!
I HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE POPE HIMSELF TO ANNUL MY SISTER'S MARRIAGE.
THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM! I AM NOT A CRIMINAL!
HW... WHAT...
UGH!
GUH!
WHAT IS THIS ...?!
AH!

LEAVE THE COUNTRY.
BUT I'LL MAKE IT SO YOU'RE 'ERASED' ON PAPER.
YOU ARE FORBIDDEN FROM RETURNING TO THE KINGDOM OF NAPLES'
HIS FATHER IS AN INFLUENTIAL FIGURE IN THIS COUNTRY.
UNFORTUNATELY, THAT DOESN'T END YOUR PROBLEMS
HE'S IN A DIFFERENT LEAGUE FROM YOU .. YOU WILL BE 'ERASED'. THAT'S HOW THINGS WORK...
CURSE YOU, YOU DOGS!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, WEKAPIPO.
SHE IS ALMOST COMPLETELY BLIND! PLEASE, LET ME SPEAK TO THE KING!
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY SISTER IF THE COUNTRY TURNS ITS BACK ON HER?! SHE CANNOT FEND FOR HERSELF!
EXILE?!
HOW DARE YOU! THAT WILL SHAME MY FAMILY NAME!
PLEASE, LET ME SPEAK TO THE POPE!

IF YOU WISH... FOR YOUR FAMILY, AS WELL.
IF YOU SUCCEED, I WILL GIVE YOU 'CITIZENSHIP' AND THE RIGHT OF 'PERMANENT RESIDENCE'... AS WELL AS A 'HIGH-RANKING' POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT...
OUR PRIORITY IS TO RETRIEVE THE 'CORPSE PARTS' IN THE 6TH STAGE.
AND THE 'ASSASSINATION' OF JOHNNY JOESTAR AND GYRO ZEPPELI.
MY SISTER... SHE DIED LAST YEAR.
A REWARD FOR ONE WILL BE SUFFICIENT.
I HAVE NONE.
BUT AS FOR FAMILY...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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'Wekapipo'
'Magenta Magenta'

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HURGHH, GAHH! KOFF, KOFF!
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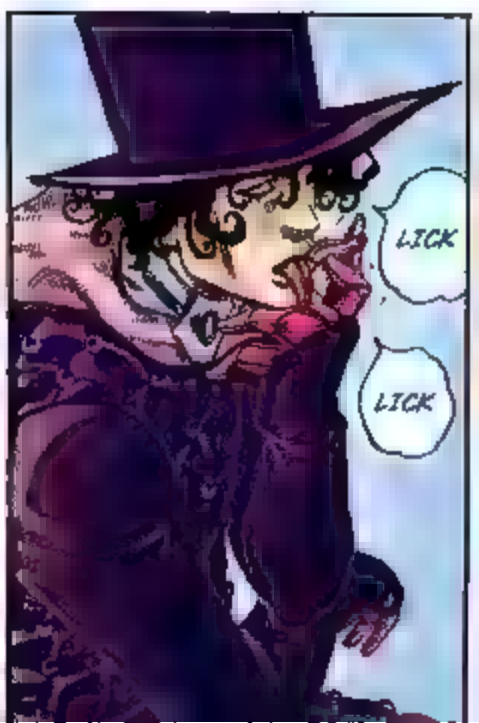
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SNIFF SNIFF
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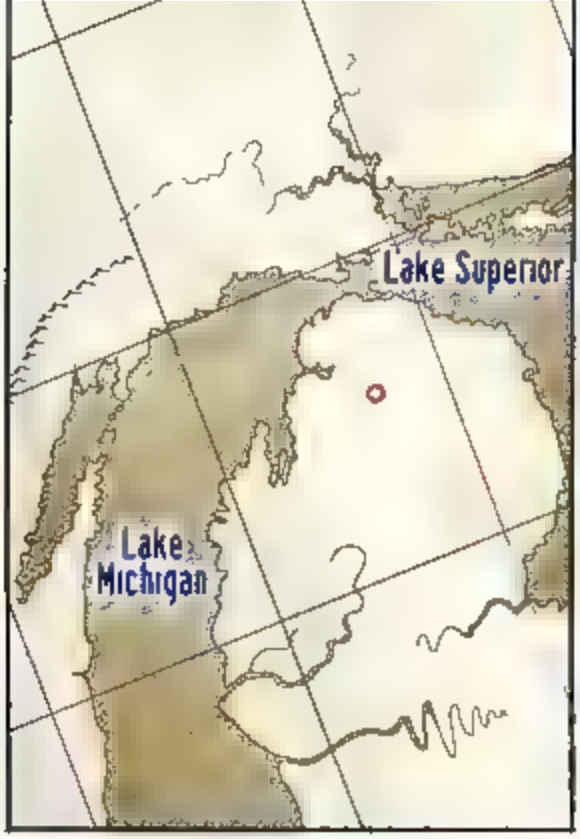
CRITIQUE IT FOR ME, WILL YA? IT'S A GAG USING THIS CHUNK OF ICE.
JUST THOUGHT OF A FUNNY JOKE...
...HEY... COUGH
FIRST, YOU GOTTA PRETEND TO CRY WITH ME. ALRIGHT...? PRETEND TO CRY.
.....
.....
OH. HEH, WERE YOU WATCHIN'?
OHHHHHH, IT HURTS SO BAD...
OHHHHH, I'M SO SAAAAD...
YOU HAVE TO GET INTO IT, BE REAL SAD..
TOGETHER NOW, ALL RIGHT?
'TEARS OF A HIMALAYAN YETI'...
WAAAAAAH, I'M SAAAAAD...


Lake Superior
Lake Michigan

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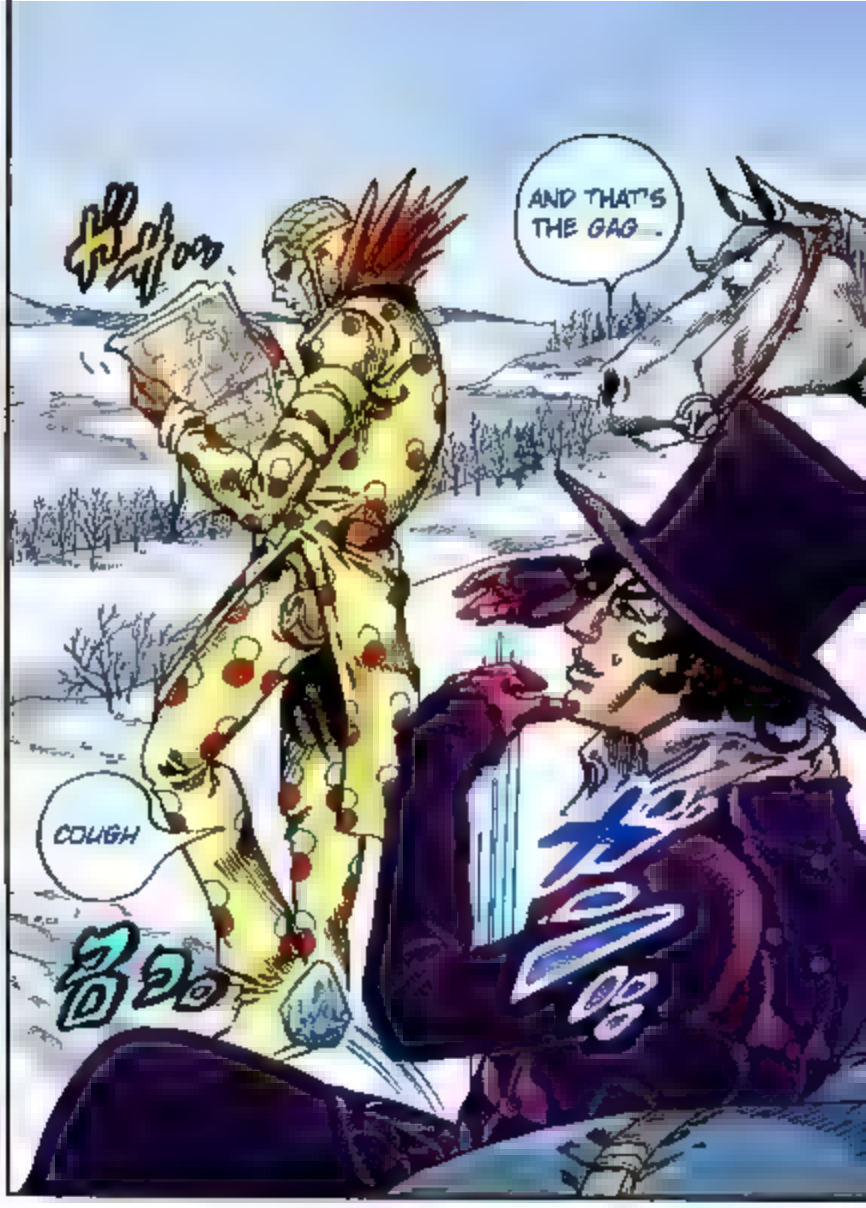
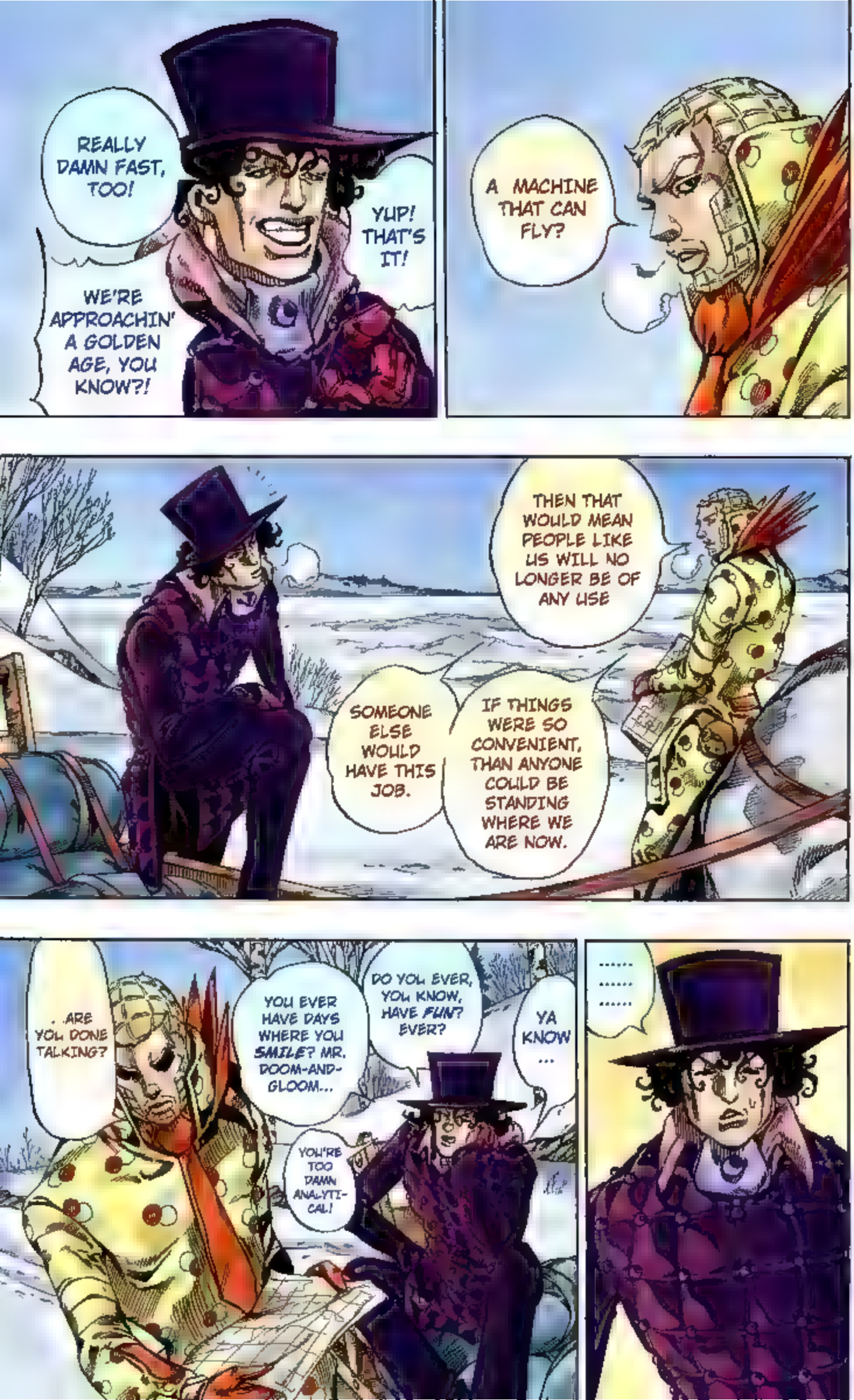

AND THAT'S THE GAG...
COUGH

WISH THEY'D INVENTED THAT SOONER, HUH?
BUT IN THAT MACHINE, WE'D HAVE GOTTEN HERE IN NO TIME, NOT EVEN ENOUGH TIME TO FEEL COLD!
IT TOOK US TWO GODDAMN WEEKS TO GET TO THIS SHIT HOLE FROM CHICAGO.

HEY... MISTER WEKAPIPO, HAVE YOU HEARD?
APPARENTLY SOME GUY INVENTED A MACHINE THAT CAN FLY IN THE SKY, LIKE A CONDOR!
NOT A HOT-AIR BALLOON. IT'S GOT BIG WINGS, AND IT'S CALLED AN 'AIRPLANE', OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT


REALLY DAMN FAST, TOO!
YUP! THAT'S IT!
WE'RE APPROACHIN' A GOLDEN AGE, YOU KNOW?!
A MACHINE THAT CAN FLY?
THEN THAT WOULD MEAN PEOPLE LIKE US WILL NO LONGER BE OF ANY USE
SOMEONE ELSE WOULD HAVE THIS JOB.
IF THINGS WERE SO CONVENIENT, THAN ANYONE COULD BE STANDING WHERE WE ARE NOW.
. .ARE YOU DONE TALKING?
YOU EVER HAVE DAYS WHERE YOU SMILE? MR. DOOM-AND-GLOOM...
DO YOU EVER, YOU KNOW, HAVE FUN? EVER?
YA KNOW ...
YOU'RE TOO DAMN ANALYTI-CAL!
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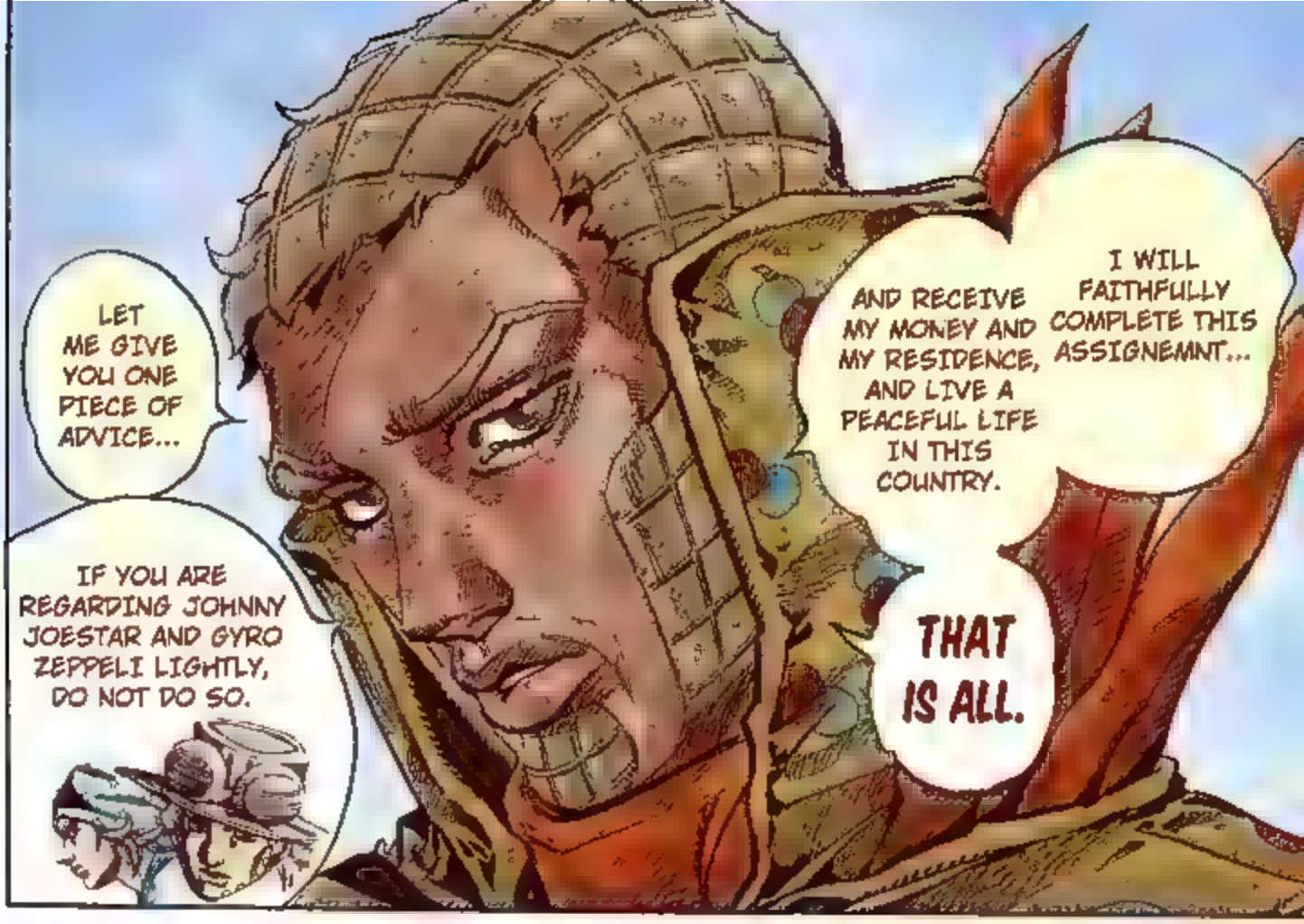
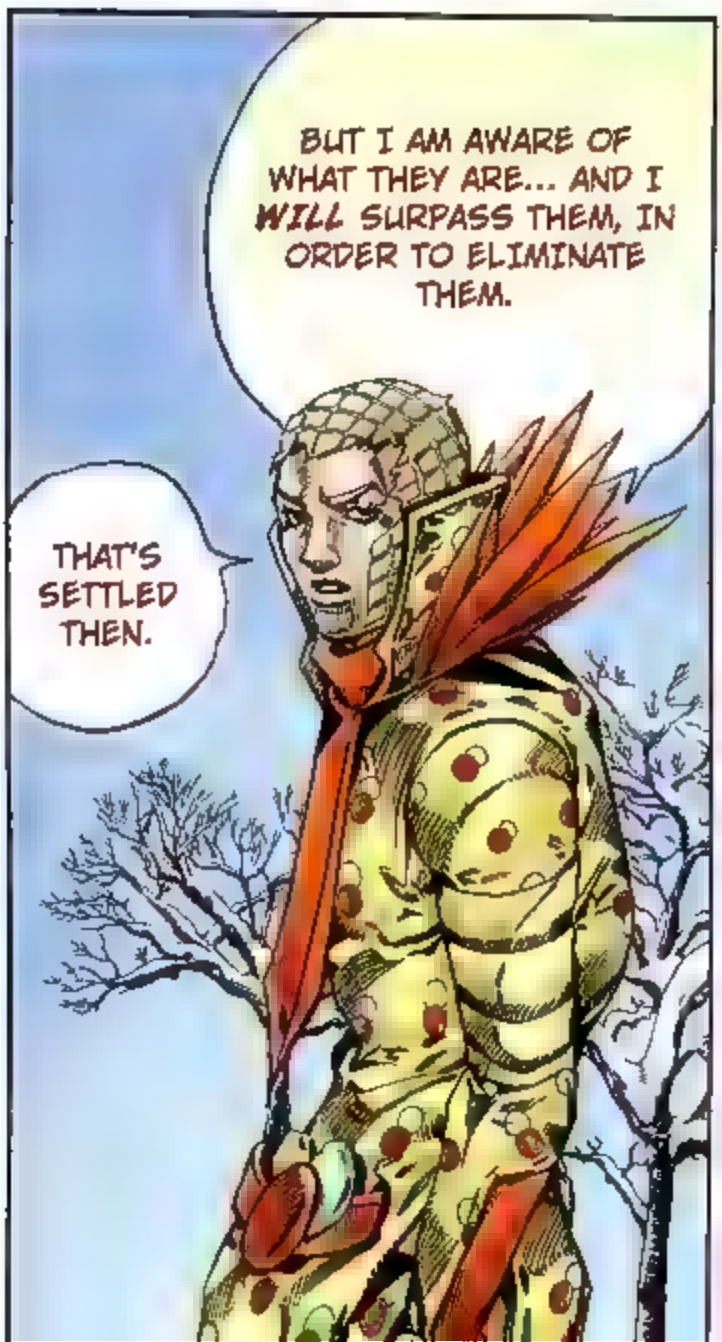
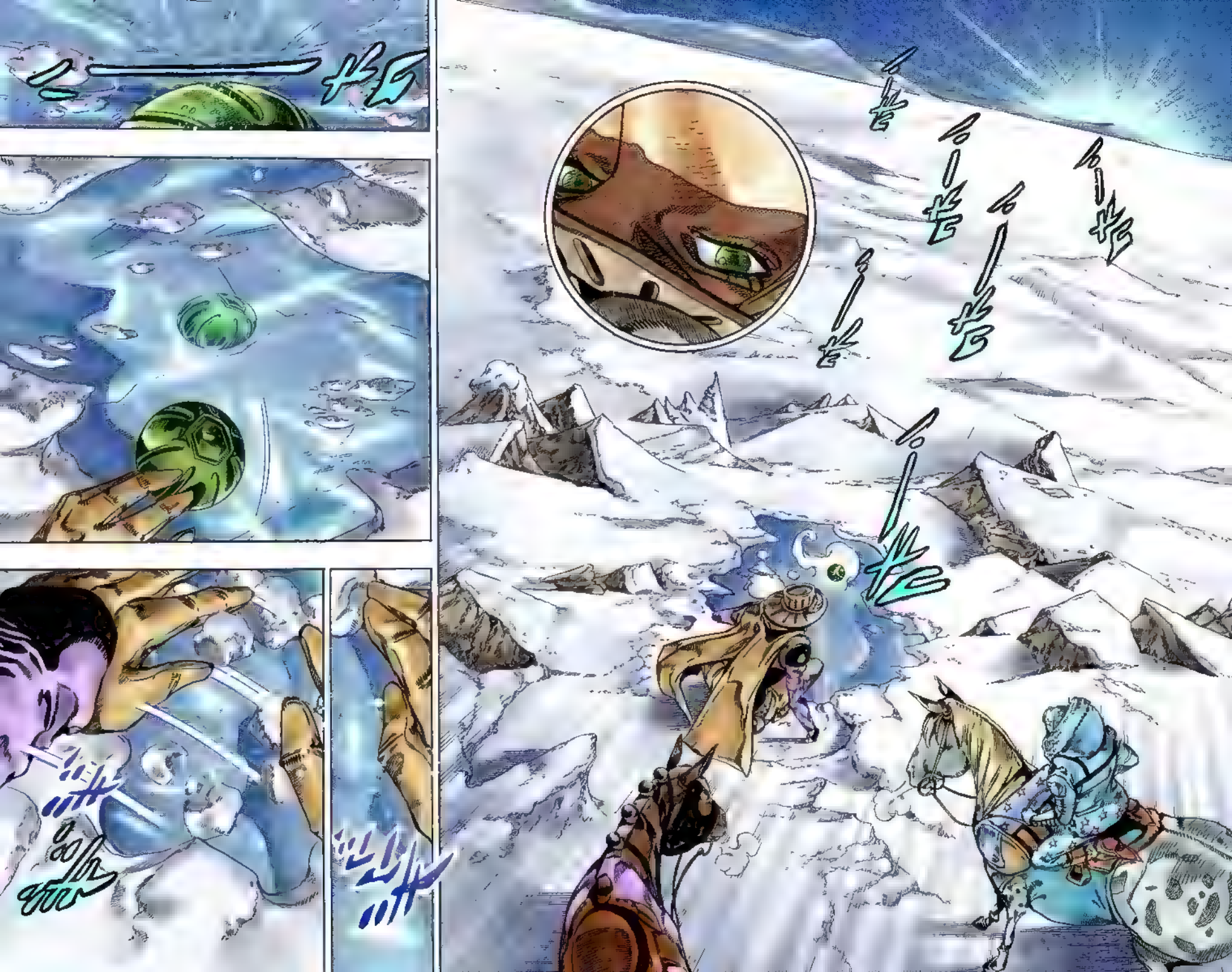

LET ME GIVE YOU ONE PIECE OF ADVICE...
IF YOU ARE REGARDING JOHNNY JOESTAR AND GYRO ZEPPELI LIGHTLY, DO NOT DO SO.
I WILL FAITHFULLY COMPLETE THIS ASSIGNEMNT...
AND RECEIVE MY MONEY AND MY RESIDENCE, AND LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY.
THAT IS ALL.


BUT I AM AWARE OF WHAT THEY ARE... AND I *WILL* SURPASS THEM, IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THEM.
THAT'S SETTLED THEN.

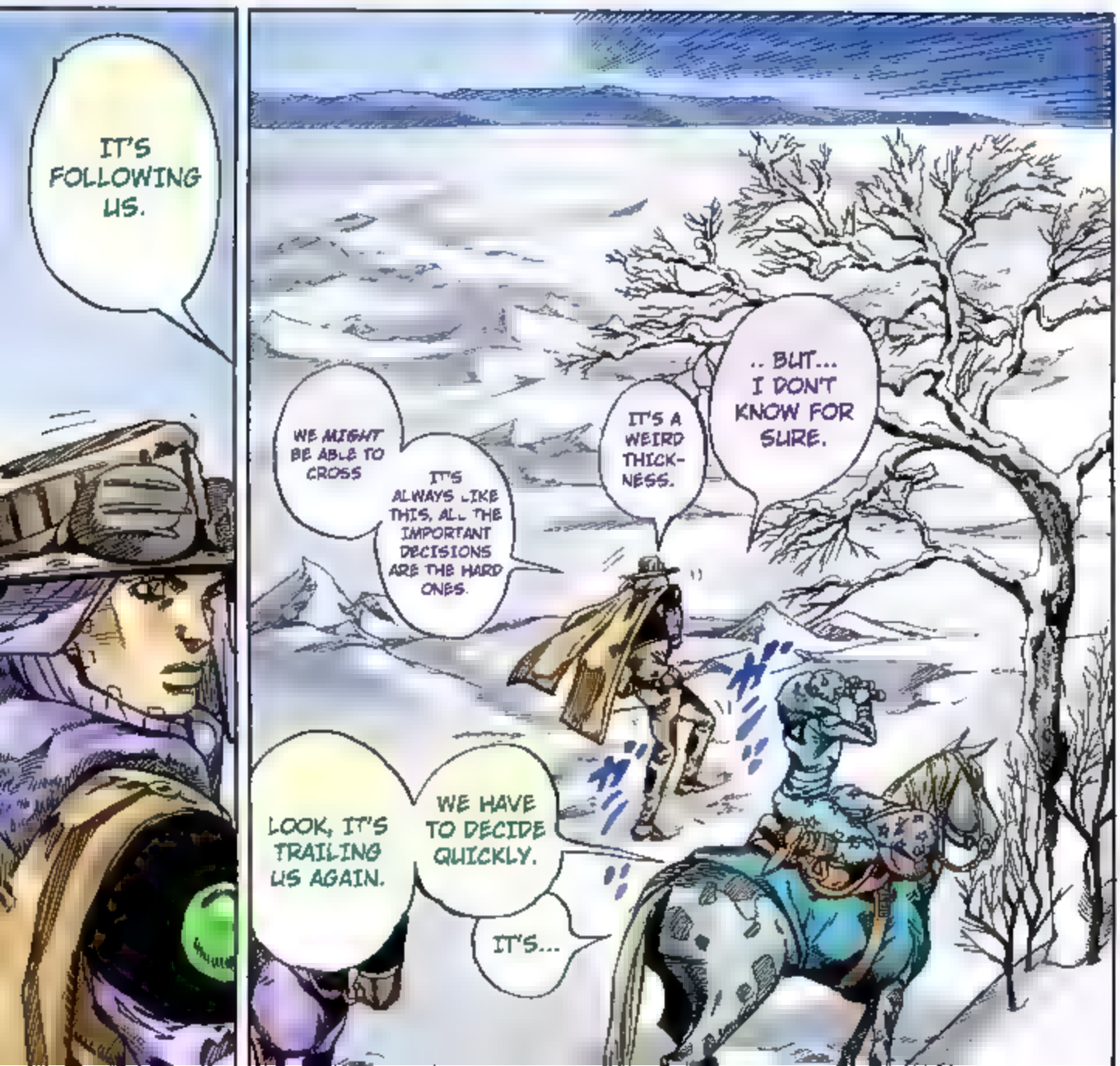
THE ZEPPELI FAMILY'S 'STEEL BALLS' HAVE A HISTORY AND POWER THAT SURPASSES YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

THAT'S NOT IT, EITHER... 'HAVE RESPECT FOR THE ZEPPELIS' STEEL BALLS'.
I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT IT.
I KNOW... YOUR 'STEEL BALLS' ARE MORE ADVANCED THAN THE ZEPPELIS', RIGHT?
THAT IS ESSENTIAL.
IF YOU DO, THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF FAILURE... WE WILL WIN...

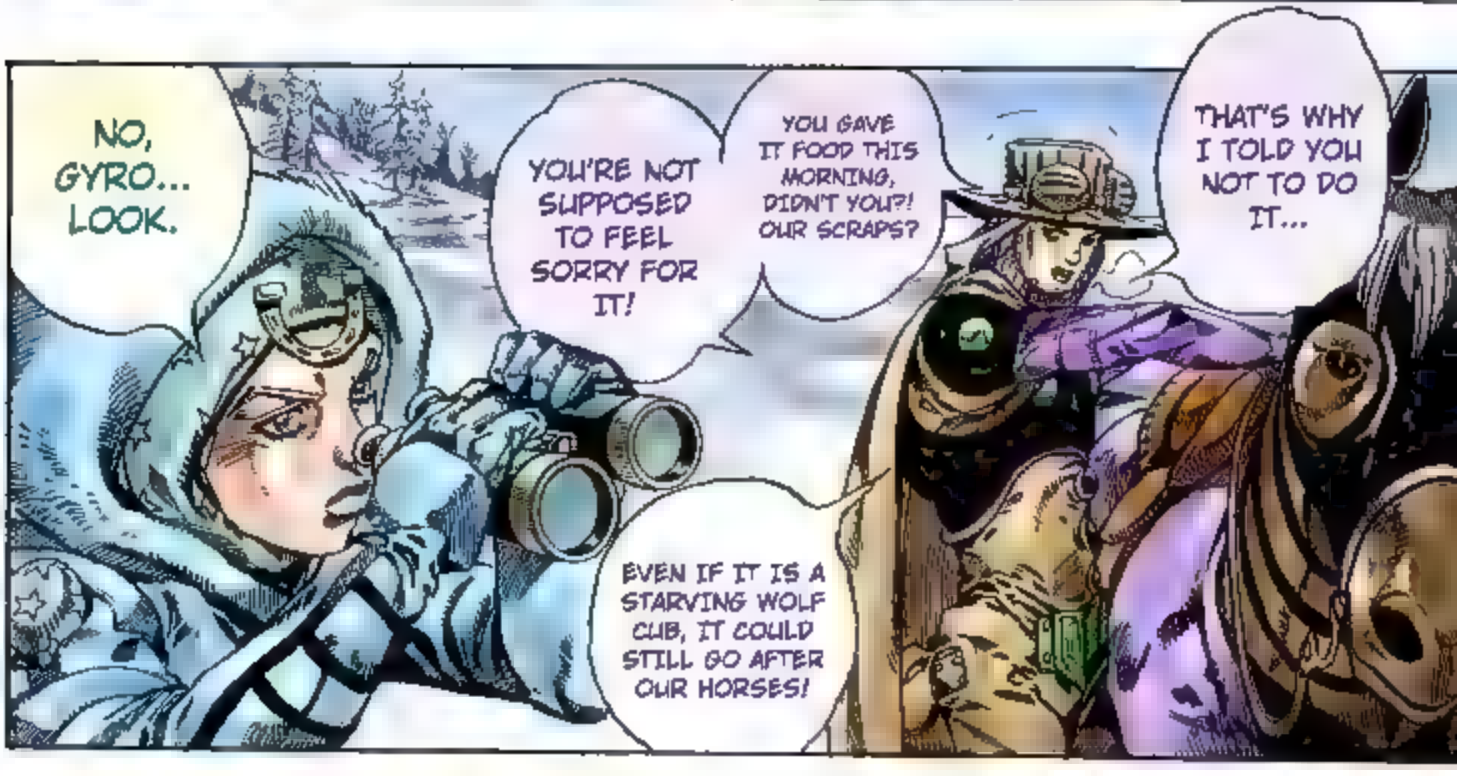


STILL TOO THIN...
THE ICE IS ONLY ABOUT 43CM THICK.
CROSSING THIS PLACE ON OUR HORSES IS RISKY... WISH IT WAS A LITTLE THICKER.

THEY'RE FERRYING PEOPLE ACROSS NEAR LAKE SUPERIOR, WHERE THE WATER HASN'T FROZEN.
THEY'RE STATIONED ABOUT 12KM FROM HERE.
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO FIND A 'FERRY'...


IT'S FOLLOWING US.
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CROSS
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS, ALL THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS ARE THE HARD ONES.
IT'S A WEIRD THICK-NESS.
.. BUT... I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE.
LOOK, IT'S TRAILING US AGAIN.
WE HAVE TO DECIDE QUICKLY.
IT'S...

WHAT THE HELL?! IT MIGHT BE AFTER OUR HORSES!


NO, GYRO... LOOK.
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO FEEL SORRY FOR IT!
YOU GAVE IT FOOD THIS MORNING, DIDN'T YOU?! OUR SCRAPS?
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO IT...
EVEN IF IT IS A STARVING WOLF CUB, IT COULD STILL GO AFTER OUR HORSES!

BEHIND THAT WOLF.
WAY BEHIND THE WOLF, OVER THE HILL, NEAR THOSE TREES, THERE.

POCO-LOCO'S COMING!
IT'S POCOLOCO
BEHIND HIM ARE BABA YAGA AND NORISUKE HIGASHIKATA!
I KNEW HE'D BE NEARBY!
'POCOLOCO' IS IN THE LEAD!

THE OTHERS ARE GOING PRETTY FAST..
THAT MEANS THEY PLAN TO CROSS THE STRAIT TODAY.
Lake Michigan
Lake Superior
Chicago
Philadelphia
THE 6TH STAGE GOAL IS 15KM AWAY, AFTER CROSSING THE CHANNEL ACROSS LAKE MICHIGAN.

	Total Ranking Position	Total Points Earned	Finishing in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Stages
1	Pocoloco	233	3rd-9th-5th-2nd-1st
2	Hot Pants	215	6th-5th-1st-7th-3rd
3	Johnny Joestar	195	5th-2nd-2nd-4th-5th
4	Diego Brando	190	1st-2nd-3rd Out of Ranking Out of Ranking
5	Norisuke Higashikata	188	19th-6th-12th-1st-2nd
6	Gyro Zeppeli	146	21st-4th-4th-3rd-4th

Points earned per rank	
1st	100p
2nd	50p
3rd	40p
4th	35p
5th	30p
6th	25p
7th	20p
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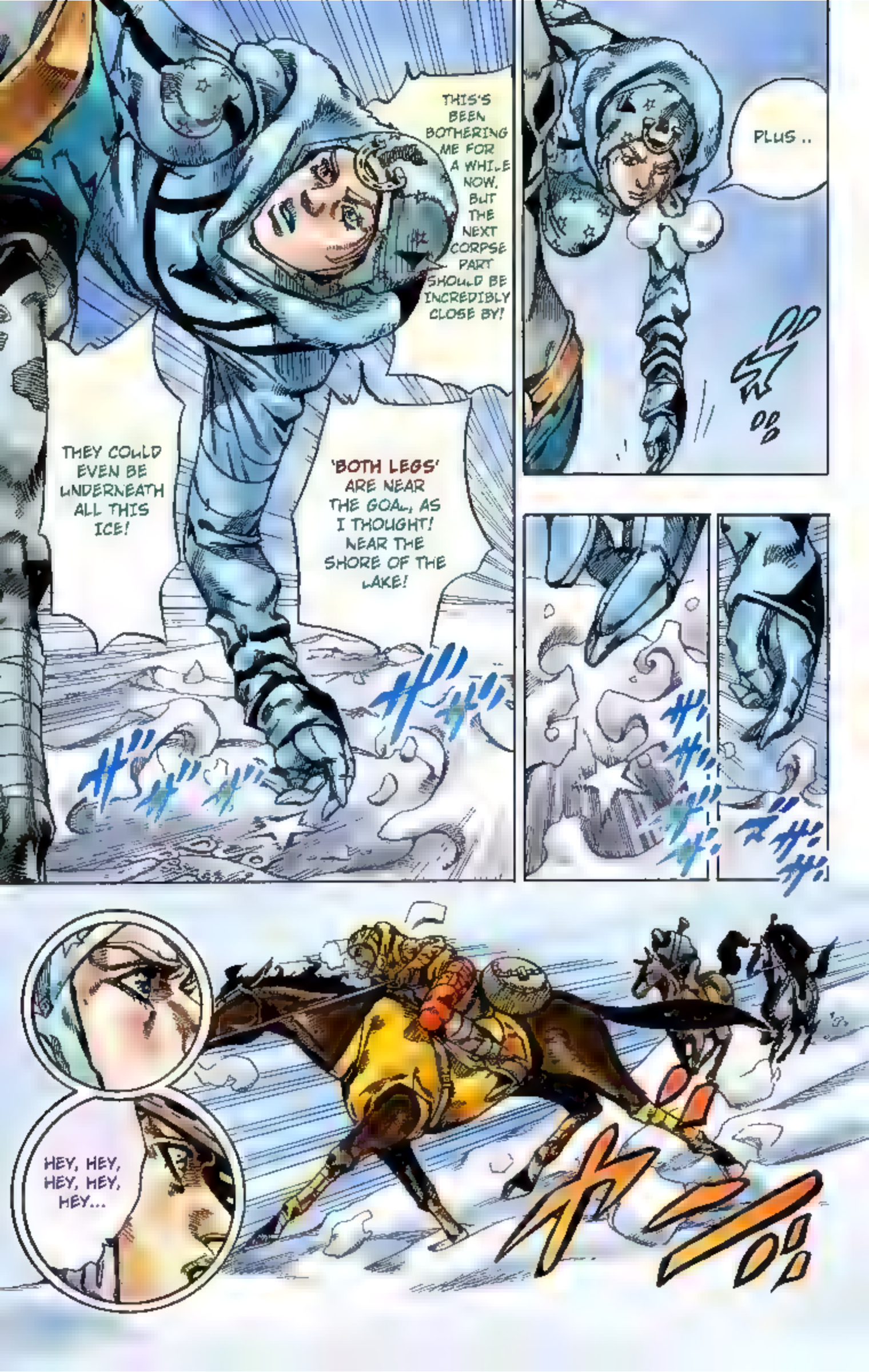
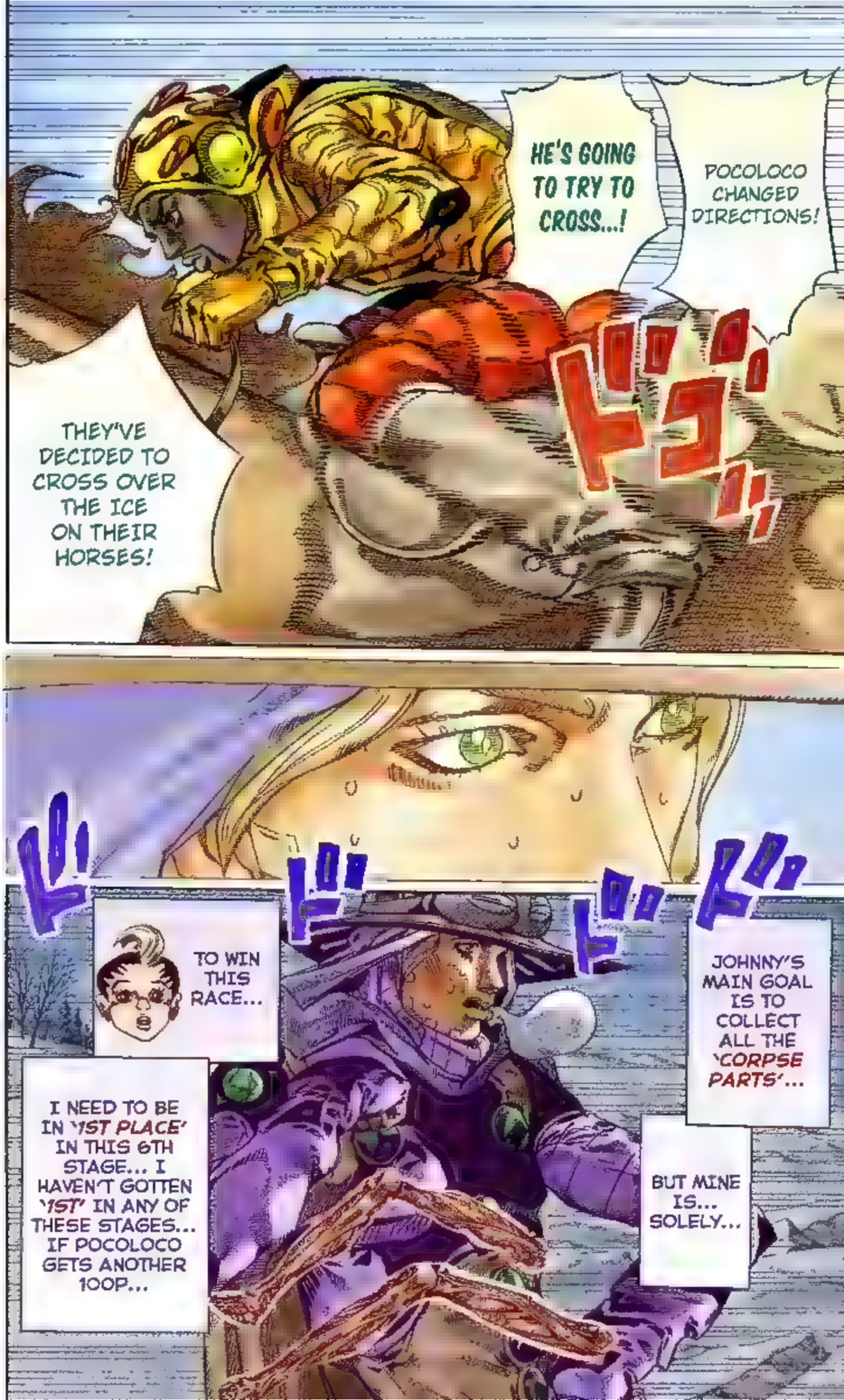
until	
21st	1p

SO THAT WOULD MEAN THAT POCOLOCO'S THE REAL CONTENDER FOR THE WIN.
IF HE GETS ANOTHER 100P IN THIS STAGE...
SHIT, WE'LL BE SCREWED...
POCOLOCO?!
WELL WE KNOW THAT DIO IS TAKING IT SLOW RIGHT NOW AND HOT PANTS' REAL MOTIVE ISN'T TO WIN THIS RACE


THIS'S BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR A WHILE NOW, BUT THE NEXT CORPSE PART SHOULD BE INCREDIBLY CLOSE BY!
PLUS ..
THEY COULD EVEN BE UNDERNEATH ALL THIS ICE!
'BOTH LEGS' ARE NEAR THE GOAL, AS I THOUGHT! NEAR THE SHORE OF THE LAKE!
HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY...


HE'S GOING TO TRY TO CROSS...!
POCOLOCO CHANGED DIRECTIONS!
THEY'VE DECIDED TO CROSS OVER THE ICE ON THEIR HORSES!
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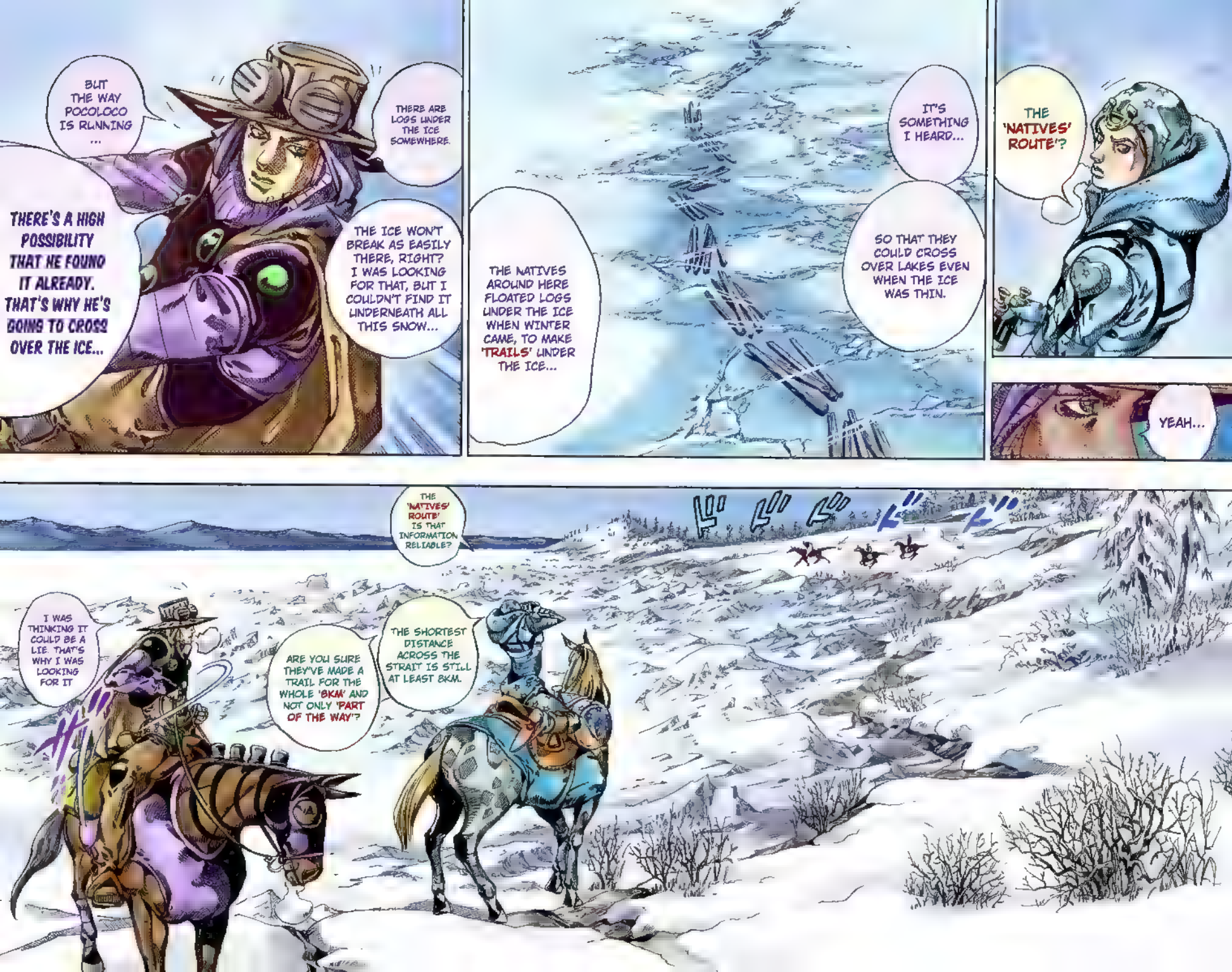
TO WIN THIS RACE...
I NEED TO BE IN '1ST PLACE' IN THIS 6TH STAGE... I HAVEN'T GOTTEN '1ST' IN ANY OF THESE STAGES... IF POCOLOCO GETS ANOTHER 1OOP...
JOHNNY'S MAIN GOAL IS TO COLLECT ALL THE 'CORPSE PARTS'...
BUT MINE IS... SOLELY...

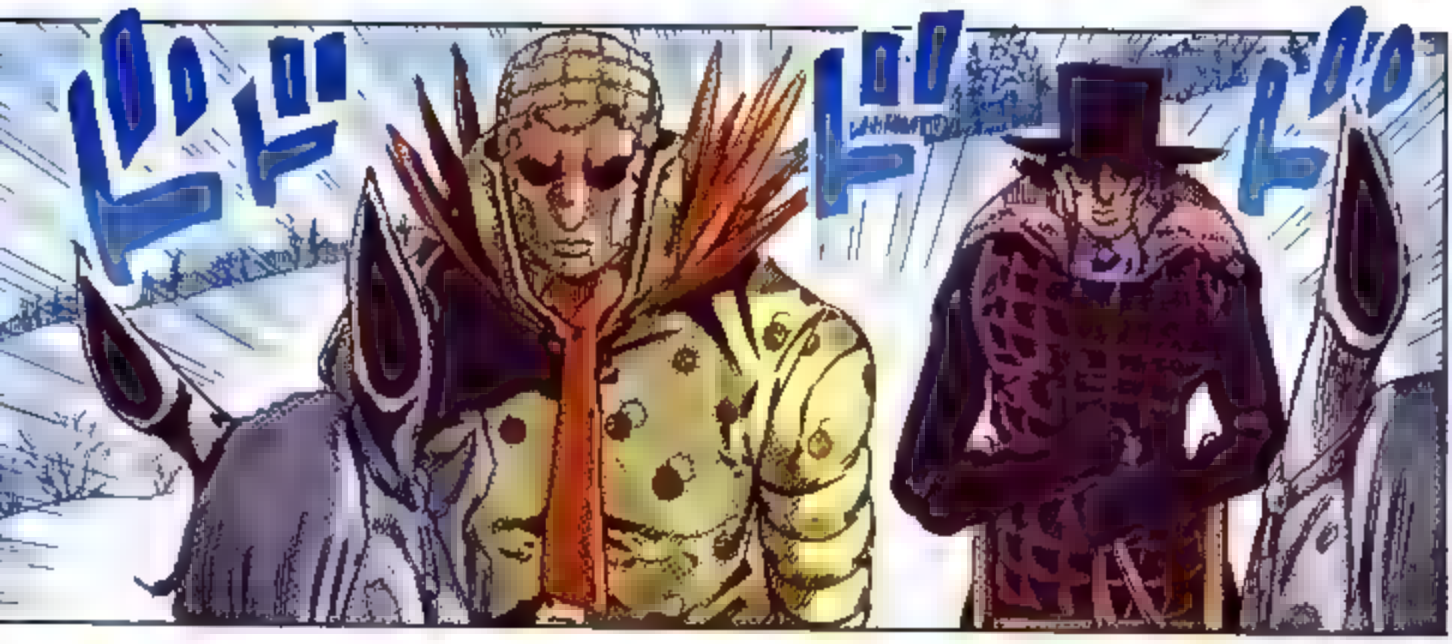
WE NEED TO 'DECIDE'... BUT IF THE ICE 'BREAKS' ..
GYRO WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
OUR HORSES MIGHT NOT MAKE IT OUT ALIVE.
oloco 233
t Pants 215
Johnny Joestar 195
Diego Brando
5 Norisuke Higashikata
6 Gyro Zeppeli
THERE ARE ONLY THREE MORE STAGES LEFT! MY CHANCE TO 'WIN' IS GOING TO BE PRETTY DAMN SLIM!
HE MIGHT HAVE 'FOUND IT'.
POCOLOCO
THE 'NATIVES' ROUTE'.

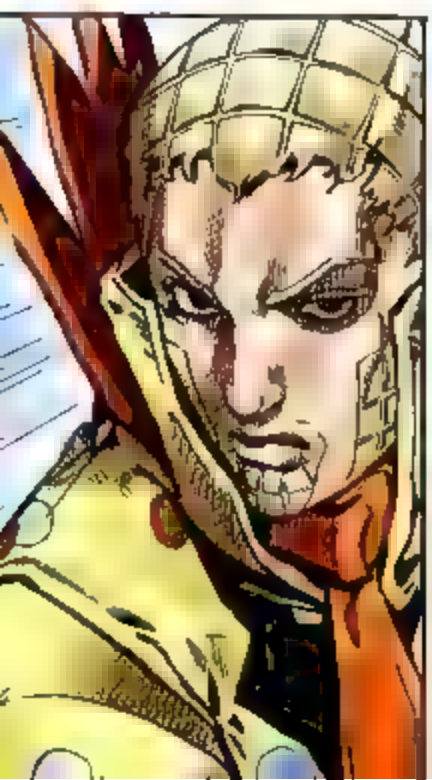

BUT THE WAY POCOLOCO IS RUNNING ...
THERE ARE LOGS UNDER THE ICE SOMEWHERE.
THERE'S A HIGH POSSIBILITY THAT HE FOUND IT ALREADY. THAT'S WHY HE'S GOING TO CROSS OVER THE ICE...
THE ICE WON'T BREAK AS EASILY THERE, RIGHT? I WAS LOOKING FOR THAT, BUT I COULDN'T FIND IT UNDERNEATH ALL THIS SNOW...
THE NATIVES AROUND HERE FLOATED LOGS UNDER THE ICE WHEN WINTER CAME, TO MAKE 'TRAILS' UNDER THE ICE...
IT'S SOMETHING I HEARD...
SO THAT THEY COULD CROSS OVER LAKES EVEN WHEN THE ICE WAS THIN.
THE 'NATIVES' ROUTE'?
YEAH...
THE 'NATIVES' ROUTE' IS THAT INFORMATION RELIABLE?
I WAS THINKING IT COULD BE A LIE. THAT'S WHY I WAS LOOKING FOR IT
ARE YOU SURE THEY'VE MADE A TRAIL FOR THE WHOLE '8KM' AND NOT ONLY 'PART OF THE WAY'?
THE SHORTEST DISTANCE ACROSS THE STRAIT IS STILL AT LEAST 8KM.

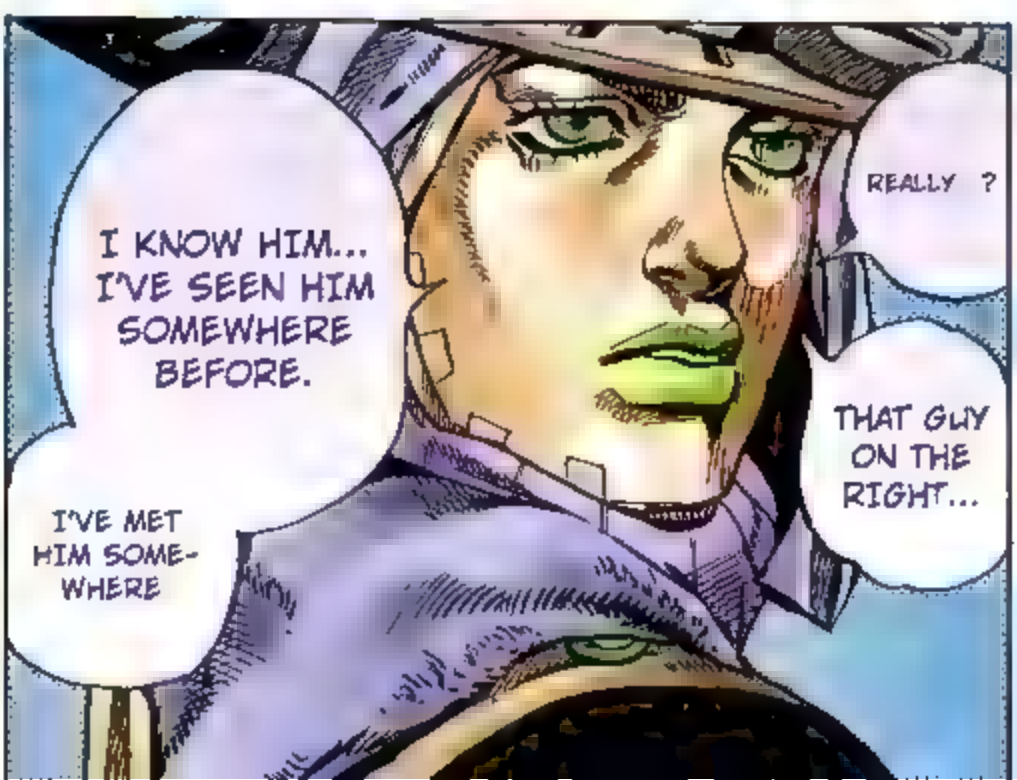
BUT WE'RE GOING TO 'CROSS' TOO, AREN'T WE?
IN THIS SITUATION, YOU'VE ALREADY MADE THE DECISION TO GO ACROSS THE 'ICE'
RIGHT?
YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT, YEAH?
YEAH...
THAT'S RIGHT.
AND MAKE SURE NOT TO GIVE WOLVES OUR SCRAPS AGAIN!

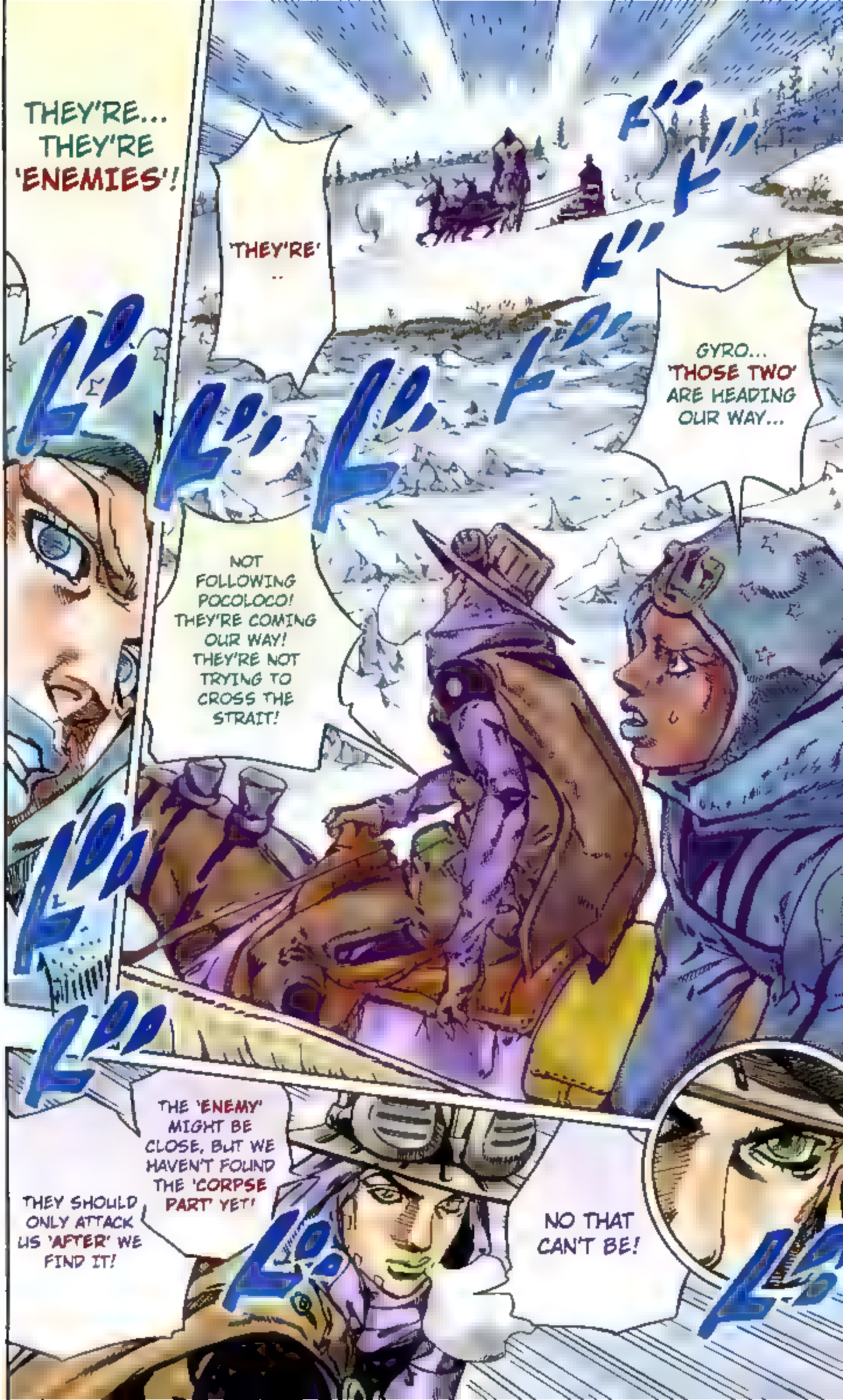
HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY...

NO... I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE...
HOW MANY POINTS DO THEY HAVE?
WHO THE HELL ARE THOSE TWO?
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE RACE PARTICIPANTS ONE OF THEM IS ON A SLED
THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE BEHIND POCOLOCO...

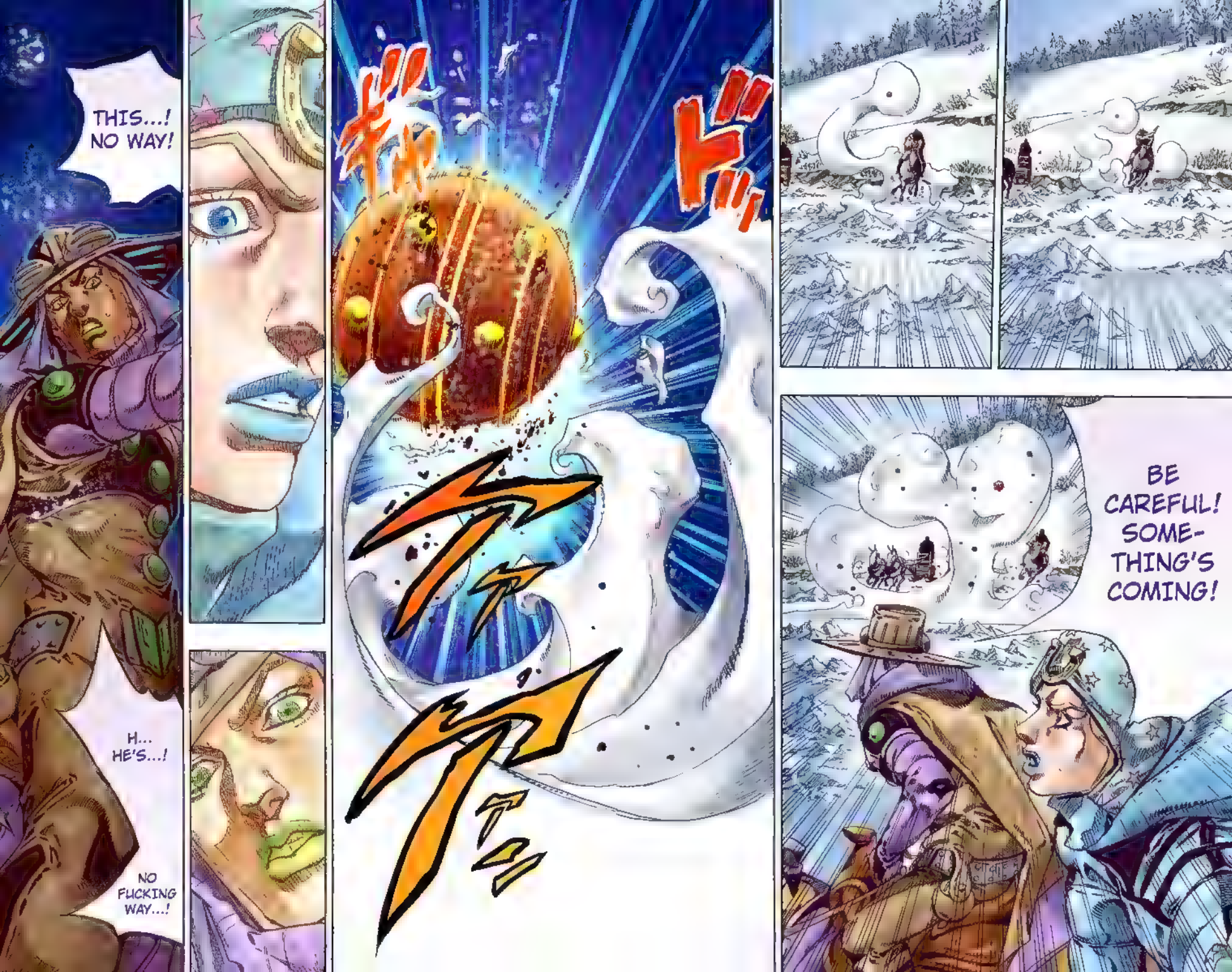


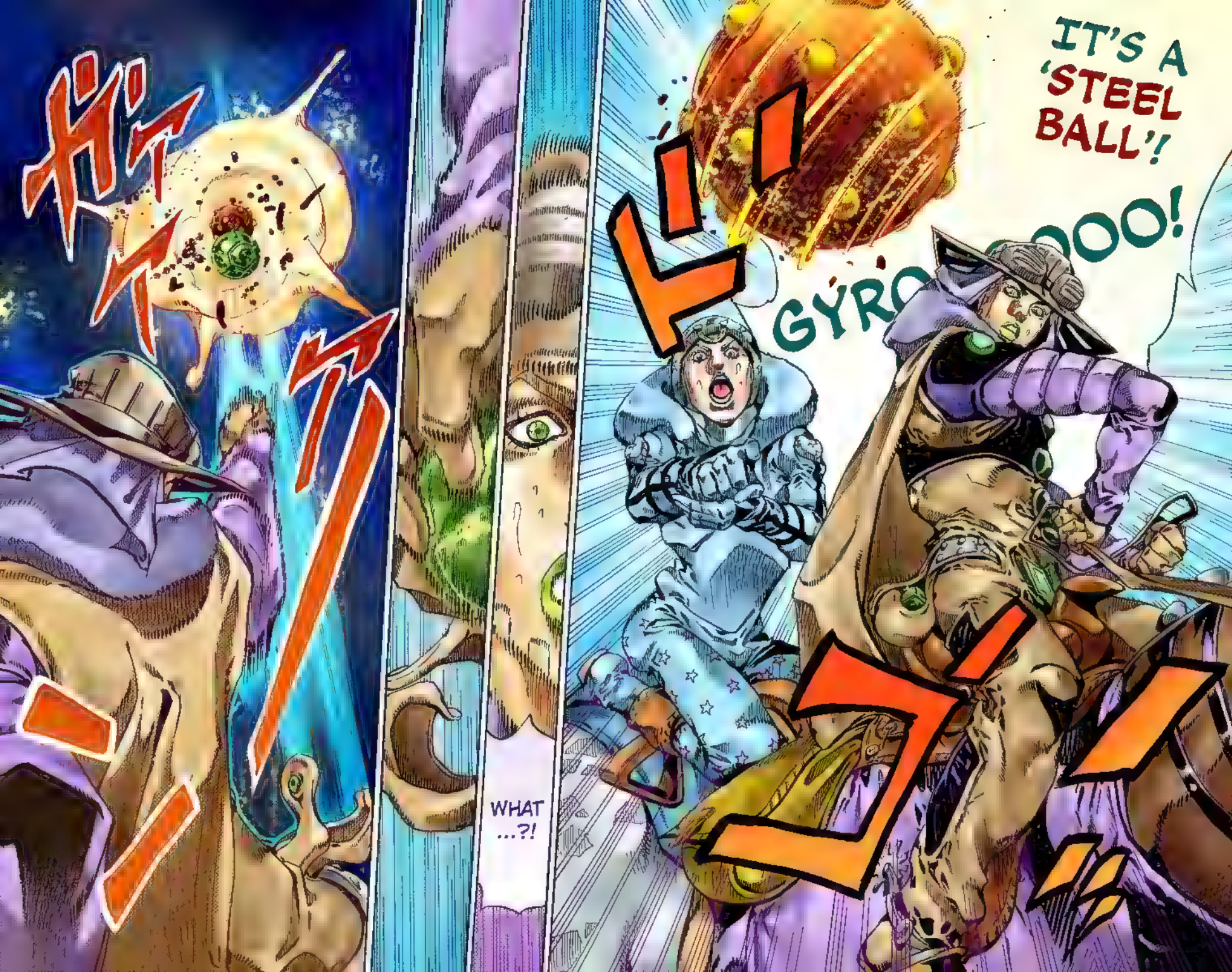



I KNOW HIM... I'VE SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE BEFORE.
I'VE MET HIM SOME-WHERE
REALLY ?
THAT GUY ON THE RIGHT...


THEY'RE... THEY'RE 'ENEMIES'!
'THEY'RE' ..
GYRO... 'THOSE TWO' ARE HEADING OUR WAY...
NOT FOLLOWING POCOLOCO! THEY'RE COMING OUR WAY! THEY'RE NOT TRYING TO CROSS THE STRAIT!
THE 'ENEMY' MIGHT BE CLOSE, BUT WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE 'CORPSE PART' YET!
THEY SHOULD ONLY ATTACK US 'AFTER' WE FIND IT!
NO THAT CAN'T BE!

GYRO, AS WE THOUGHT, POCOLOCO IS GOING TO HEAD ACROSS THE ICE!
HE MUST HAVE FOUND THE LOGS!
I'VE... MET HIM BEFORE, I KNOW IT...
BUT 'WHO' IS THAT...?
HEY, JOHNNY! THAT GUY JUST THREW SOMETHING!


THIS...! NO WAY!
H... HE'S...!
NO FUCKING WAY...!
BE CAREFUL! SOME-THING'S COMING!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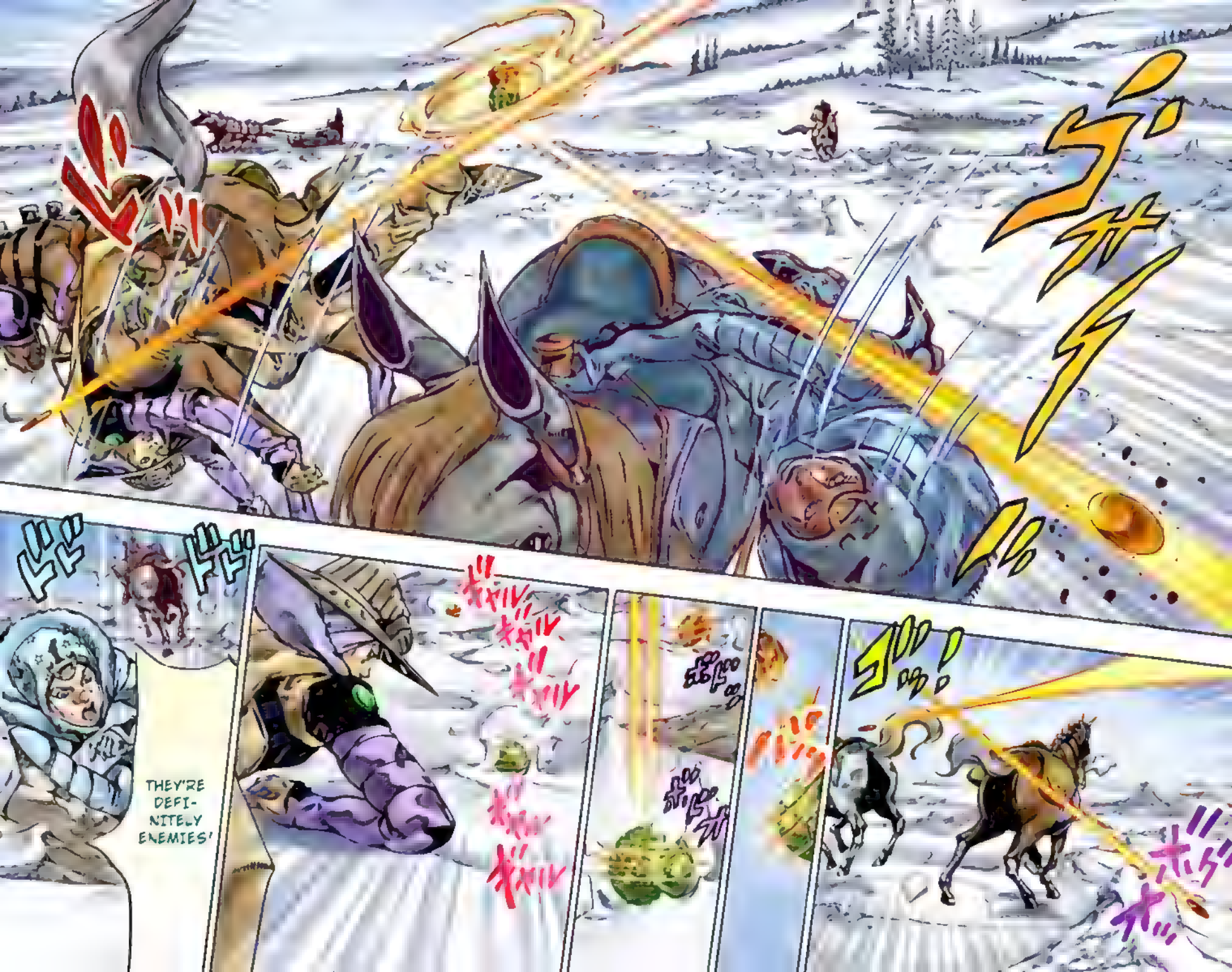
IT'S A 'STEEL BALL'!
GYRO
OOO!
WHAT ...?!

THE 'SATELLITES' ARE GOING TO HIT US NEXT!
JOHNNY, GET DOWN!
THAT GUY.. ! HE'S FROM MY COUNTRY...!
I REMEMBER NOW...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THEY'RE DEFI-NITELY ENEMIES!

BUT WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE 'CORPSE PARTS' YET!
WE HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED 'LOOKING'!
THEY'RE ALREADY ATTACKING US! PLUS...
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?! THAT MAN ON THE RIGHT, HE...
HE'S USING A STEEL BALL TOO?!

'WEKAPIPO'...
THAT'S DEFINITELY HIM... BUT... HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD!
!?
.....
.....
.....
HUH?

DON'T PANIC...
CALM DOWN, JOHNNY...
THE STRENGTH TO THEIR 'STEEL BALLS' IS...
THE ZEPPELIS...
WE MUST SURPASS THAT POWER!
'THE USE OF THE GOLDEN RECTANGLE'...
WH... WHAT'S GOING ON?!
GYRO...!
UGHH!
WHAT?!

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Wekapipo and Magenta Magenta's Names: The names of both of these characters are significant because they are the first time that JoJo characters were named after Japanese music. Both Wekapipo (a stylization of "Wake up People") and Magenta Magenta are songs by the Japanese hip hop group SOUL'd OUT. This group is notable for working with Araki to make music for the poorly-received 2007 Phantom Blood movie. Around the same time it was being worked on, the DJ of the group, Shinnosuke, helped Araki with the screentone on a page. Check out page 17 of volume 10 (A Silent Way Part 1) to see what I mean.

Magenta Magenta's Voice: In Japanese, Magenta Magenta's speech is written phonetically rather than being written out correctly. This is difficult to represent in English, so most of it is lost in translation. According to the translator of The JoJo Project, his voice is very nasal and gravelly, and anyone who hears it would want to cover their ears. Kind of like a more coherent and whiny Donald Duck, or an exaggerated Gilbert Gottfried. Either way, it's not pleasant to listen to.

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